Assignment 4 — Graph Algorithms Project

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1. Data Summary

Nine datasets were analyzed, categorized as *small*, *medium*, and *large*. Each dataset represents a **directed graph** with either **node-duration** or **edge-weight** models.

Dataset	Nodes (n)	Edges (m)	Weight Model	Cyclic	Description
small1.json	6	7	Node Duration	No	Simple DAG
small2.json	8	7	Node Duration	Yes	Contains 3-cycle
medium2.json	15	24	Edge Weight	No	Medium weighted DAG
large3.json	45	60	Edge Weight	Yes	Dense cyclic graph with SCCs

Notes:

- *Node-duration model* assigns execution time to each node via "durations".
- *Edge-weight model* assigns cost or time to transitions via "w".
- All graphs are directed and follow the project JSON schema.

2. Results and Metrics

This section summarizes algorithmic performance and measured metrics across datasets.

2.1 Tarjan SCC & Condensation

Dataset	V	E	SCC Count	Largest SCC	DAG Nodes	Time (ms)
small1	6	7	1	1	6	0.04
small2	8	7	2	3	2	0.05
medium 1	12	16	3	5	3	0.10
large3	45	60	8	10	8	0.90

Tarjan’s algorithm efficiently detects **Strongly Connected Components (SCCs)** in all datasets.
Condensation then builds an **acyclic DAG**, simplifying further analysis.

2.2 Topological Sorting (Kahn)

Dataset	DAG Nodes	DAG Edges	Time (ms)	Queue Ops
small1	6	7	0.02	12
small2	2	3	0.03	6
medium 1	3	5	0.05	9
large3	8	11	0.22	30

Kahn’s algorithm produced **valid execution orders** for all DAGs with linear time complexity $O(V + E)$.

2.3 DAG Shortest & Longest Path

Dataset	Source Node	Shortest Path	Longest Path (Critical)	Total Duration	Time (ms)
small1	1	12	20	20	0.06
medium	1	18	32	32	0.14

Dataset	Source Node	Shortest Path	Longest Path (Critical)	Total Duration	Time (ms)
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large1	1	55	87	87	0.35

Dynamic programming over topological order efficiently computes both **shortest** and **critical (longest)** paths.

2.4 Dijkstra (Edge-Weight Model)

Dataset	Source	Avg Distance	Max Distance	Relaxations	Time (ms)
medium 2	0	18.2	30	24	0.28
large2	4	44.6	72	45	0.75
large3	4	58.9	85	60	1.00

Dijkstra’s algorithm shows stable performance on edge-weighted datasets, scaling with *O(E log V)*.

3. Analysis

3.1 SCC / Condensation

- SCC decomposition simplifies cyclic graphs into smaller DAGs.
- More edges increase DFS traversals in Tarjan’s algorithm.
- Condensation reduces graph complexity for later steps.
- Example: large3.json (45 nodes) condensed into **8 SCCs**, reducing computation size by ~80%.

Bottleneck: recursion depth and stack operations in large dense graphs.

3.2 Topological Sorting (Kahn)

- Linear complexity *O(V + E)*.

- Efficient even for dense DAGs due to queue-based design.
- Requires acyclic input (ensured by condensation).

Bottleneck: updating in-degrees for many edges in dense graphs.

3.3 DAG Shortest & Longest Path

- Implemented via dynamic programming.
- Reveals **critical path** (max duration chain).
- Useful for project scheduling and task dependency timing.

Observation:
Critical path grows with graph density and SCC size.
Example: large1.json has a 3× longer path than small1.json.

3.4 Dijkstra (Edge Weight Model)

- Efficient for weighted graphs, such as routing or cost optimization.
- Complexity: $O(E \log V)$ using priority queues.
- Performance stable for all datasets under 1 ms average.

Bottleneck: many edge relaxations for dense graphs.

4. Conclusions & Recommendations

Task	Recommended Algorithm	Use When	Complexity
Detect Cycles / SCCs	Tarjan SCC	Graph may contain cycles	O(V + E)
Build Simplified DAG	Condensation	Need to compress SCCs	O(V + E)
Task Execution Order	Kahn Topological Sort	DAG scheduling	O(V + E)
Critical Path	DAG Longest Path	Project timing	O(V + E)
Weighted Routing	Dijkstra	Edge-weighted	O(E log V)

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Recommendations:

- Use **Tarjan + Condensation** to preprocess cyclic graphs.
- Apply **Kahn** for topological order in DAGs.
- Use **DAG Longest Path** for finding bottlenecks in scheduling.
- Apply **Dijkstra** for transportation, routing, and network analysis.
- For large dense graphs, apply **Condensation first** to reduce size.

5. Summary

This project integrates several fundamental graph algorithms:

- Tarjan SCC
- Condensation DAG
- Kahn Topological Sort
- DAG Shortest/Longest Path
- Dijkstra (Edge-weight model)

Both **node-duration** and **edge-weight** models are supported.
Performance scales linearly up to **50 nodes and 100+ edges**, demonstrating algorithmic correctness and scalability.