

Lecture 22: Shortest Paths Cont.

- Quick Review of Previous Class
- Concept of Edge Relaxation

Relax(u, v)

If $u.d + w(u, v) < v.d$ Then

$$v.d = u.d + w(u, v)$$

$$v.p = u$$

- Bellman-Ford Algorithm: relax all edges $V - 1$ times in arbitrary order $\Theta(VE)$.
- Shortest path in a *Directed Acyclic Graph*: relax all edges **exactly once** in topological order $\Theta(V + E)$.
- Algorithms work with negative weights.
- Shortest paths are not applicable for negative cycles.

Outline

- Single Source Shortest Path
 - Dijkstra Algorithm
- All-Pairs Shortest Paths
 - First DP Formulation
 - 2nd DP Formulation
 - Floyd-Warshall

SPs in a graph with cycles and nonnegative weights

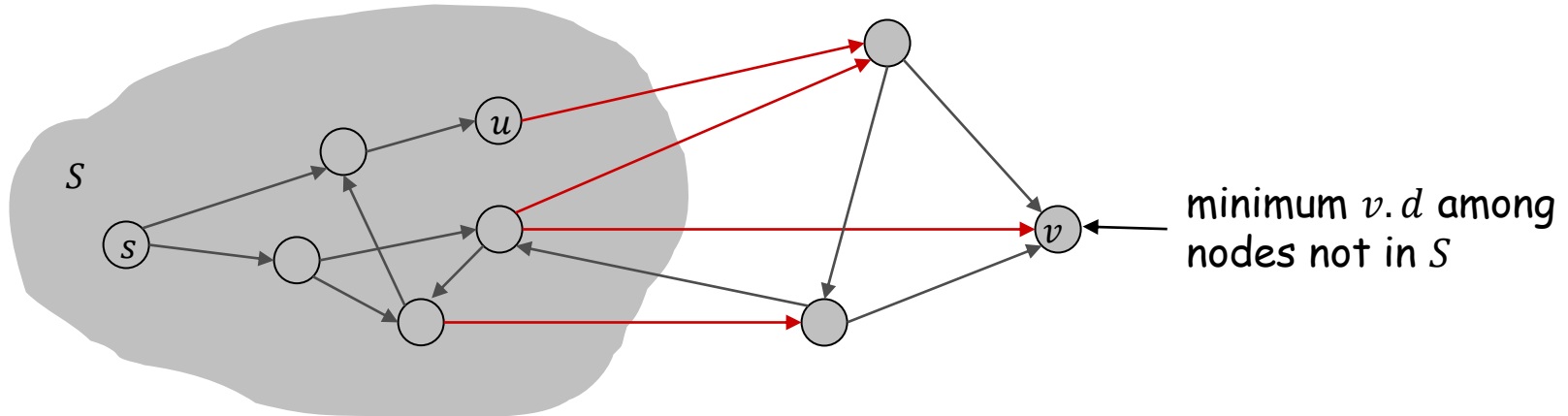
Dijkstra's algorithm.

- Maintain a set S of **explored nodes**.

Initialize $S = \{s\}$, $s.d = 0$, $v.d = \infty$.

Assume we know, $\forall u \in S, u.d = \delta(s, u)$.

Key lemma: If all edges leaving S were already relaxed, let v be the vertex in $V - S$ with the minimum $v.d$. Then $v.d = \delta(s, v)$,
- This v can then be added to S , and process repeated.



Dijkstra's Algorithm

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Dijkstra( $G, s$ ):  
  for each  $v \in V$  do  
     $v.d \leftarrow \infty, v.p \leftarrow nil, v.color \leftarrow white$   
   $s.d \leftarrow 0$   
  insert all nodes into a min-heap  $Q$  with  $d$  as key  
  while  $Q \neq \emptyset$   
     $u \leftarrow \text{Extract-Min}(Q)$   
     $u.color \leftarrow black$   
    for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$  do % relax all edges leaving  $u$   
      if  $v.color = white$  and  $u.d + w(u, v) < v.d$  then  
         $v.p \leftarrow u$   
         $v.d \leftarrow u.d + w(u, v)$   
        Decrease-Key( $Q, v, v.d$ )
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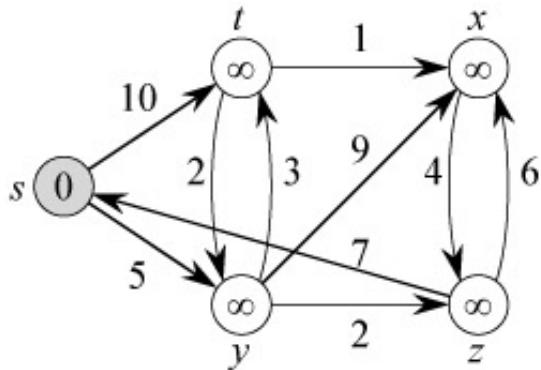
Running time: $O(E \log V)$

- Very similar to Prim's algorithm

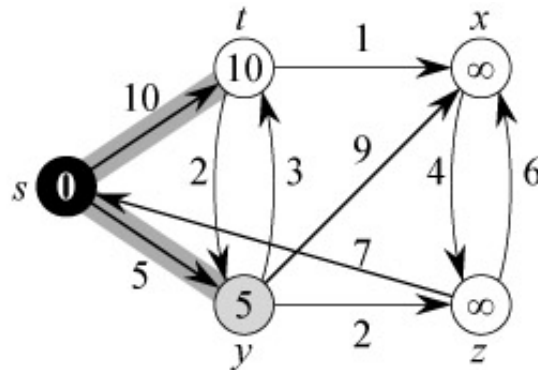
Analysis Assumption:

G is connected so $V = O(E)$.

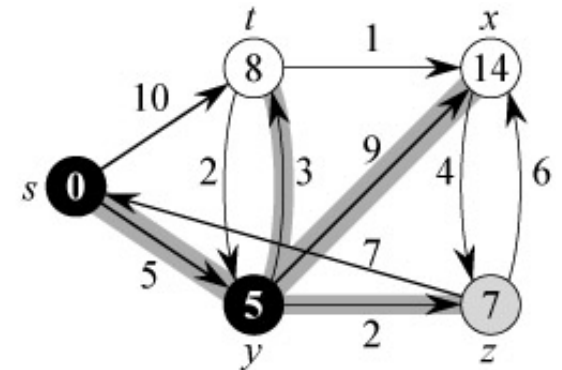
Dijkstra's Algorithm: Example



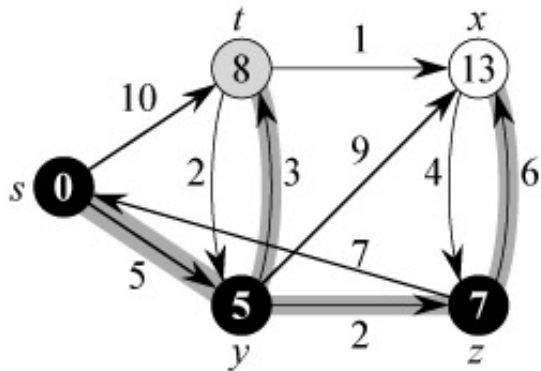
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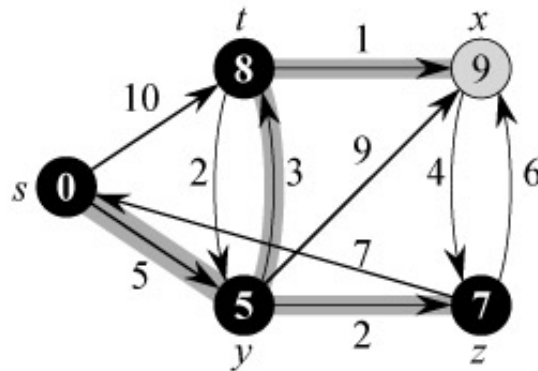
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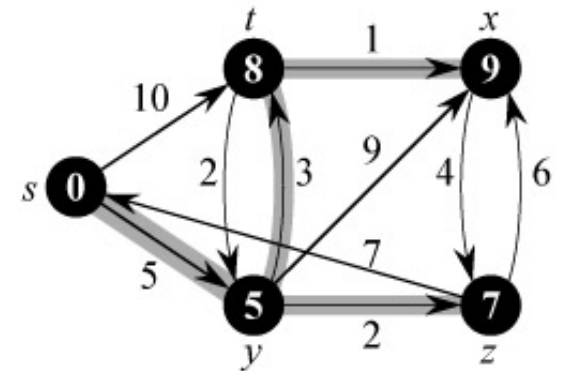
(c)



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(e)



(f)

Note: All the shortest paths found by Dijkstra's algorithm form a tree (shortest-path tree).

Dijkstra's Algorithm: Implementation

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  while  $Q \neq \emptyset$   
     $u \leftarrow \text{Extract-Min}(Q)$   
    if  $u.color = black$  then continue  
    output ( $u, u.d, u.p$ )  
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    for each  $v \in Adj[u]$  do % relax all edges leaving  $v$   
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Dijkstra's Algorithm: Correctness

Lemma. Suppose $u.d = \delta(s, u)$ for all $u \in S$, and all edges leaving S have been relaxed. Then $v.d = \delta(s, v)$, where v is the vertex with minimum $v.d$ in $V - S$.

Pf. (by contradiction) (assume $v.d \neq \delta(s, v)$)

- Note that $v.d$ starts $= \infty$. Whenever $v.d$ is updated, it's because a path with distance $v.d$ was found. So always have $v.d \geq \delta(s, v)$.

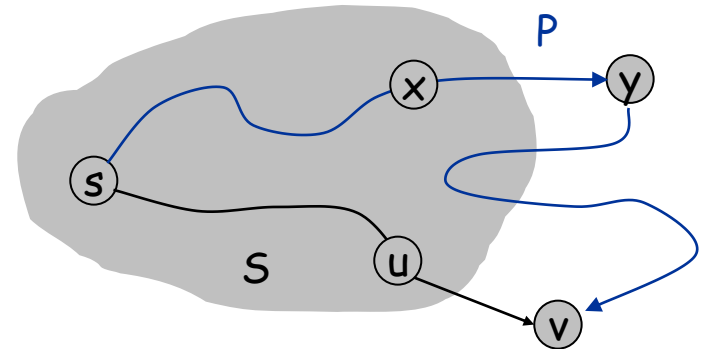
Thus if $v.d \neq \delta(s, v)$ then $v.d > \delta(s, v)$.

- Consider a shortest path P from s to v .

- Suppose $x \rightarrow y$ is the first edge on P that takes P out of S .
- Since $x \in S$, we have $x.d = \delta(s, x)$.
- The edge $x \rightarrow y$ has been relaxed, so $y.d \leq x.d + w(x, y)$.
- P is a shortest path \Rightarrow its subpath (s, \dots, x, y) must also be a shortest path,
 $\Rightarrow x.d + w(x, y) = \delta(s, y)$.
- $\delta(s, y) \leq \delta(s, v)$, **assuming nonnegative weights**

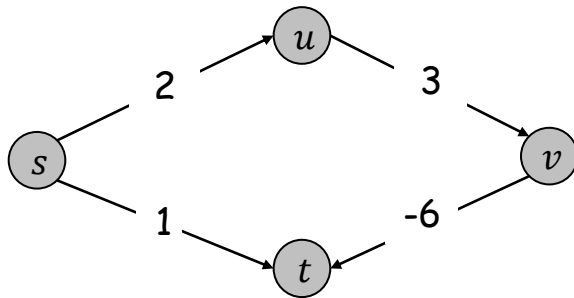
$$\Rightarrow v.d > \delta(s, v) \geq \delta(s, y) = x.d + w(x, y) \geq y.d,$$

contradicting fact that $v.d$ is the **smallest** in $V - S$.



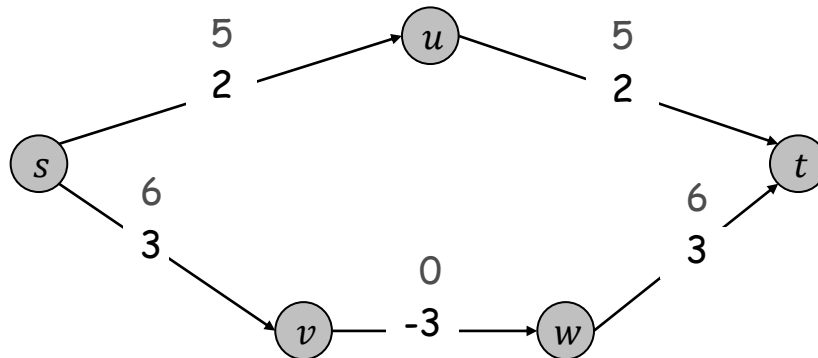
Dijkstra fails with Negative Weights

Example



Dijkstra would calculate $\delta(s, t) = 1$, but correct answer is $\delta(s, t) = -1$.

Re-weighting. Might think that this can be “fixed” by adding a constant to every edge weight. This doesn’t work.



Add 3 to every weight. Dijkstra would find shortest $s-t$ path is (s, u, v) , but shortest $s-t$ path in original graph is (s, v, w, t) .

Exercise on Most Reliable Paths

Consider a directed graph corresponding to a communication network. Each edge (u, v) is associated with a **reliability** value $r(u, v)$, that represents the **probability** that the channel from u to v will **not fail**. Assume that the edge probabilities are independent. Modify Dijkstra's algorithm to find the most reliable path between a node s and every other vertex.

Solution

Set $d[s] = 1$, and $d[u] = 0$ for all $u \neq s$

Insert all vertices in a max heap Q on $d[\cdot]$

While Q is not empty

$u := \text{Extract-max}(Q)$

 For each edge (u, v) // v is in the adjacency list of u

 If $d[u] \cdot r(u, v) > d[v]$ // relax (u, v)

$d[v] := d[u] \cdot r(u, v)$

 Increase-key($Q, v, d[v]$)

 Set u to be the predecessor of v

A^* for $s-t$ shortest path

We wish to find the shortest path between s and t .

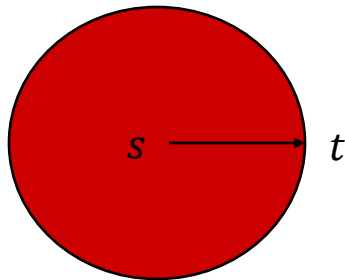
Assume that the weight of each edge (u, v) corresponds to the length of the road connecting them. Then, $\delta(u, t)$ between any node u and t , is their **network distance**. Let $E(u, t)$ be the **Euclidean distance** between u and t . Then, $E(u, t) \leq \delta(u, t)$.

When **Dijkstra** visits a node u , it inserts in the min heap $d[u]$, i.e., the current network distance from s . It extracts from the min heap the node u with min $d[u]$.

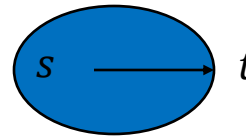
When A^* -**search** visits a node u , it inserts into the min heap $d[u] + E(u, t)$. It extracts from the heap the node u that minimizes $d[u] + E(u, t)$, i.e., guides search towards the destination. It terminates when we reach t .

A^* can be used with any function f provided that $f(u, t) \leq \delta(u, t)$. Faster than Dijkstra in practice, but asymptotically the same.

Dijkstra visited nodes



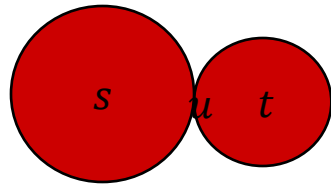
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Other fast algorithms $s-t$ shortest path

Bidirectional: start Dijkstra expansions from both s and t in parallel. When you find a common node u in both expansions, stop. The shortest path has distance: $\delta(s, u) + \delta(t, u)$.

Can also be combined with A^* .



Continuous monitoring of shortest path: the previous algorithms return a one-time path, assuming fixed edge weights. Real navigation systems monitor the traffic conditions and continuously update your path when traffic conditions change (e.g., accidents).

Many later algorithms for $s-t$ paths (based on contraction hierarchies, partial materialization, landmarks etc) are much faster than Dijkstra in practice.

All-Pairs Shortest Paths

Input:

- Directed graph $G = (V, E)$.
- Weight $w(e)$ = length of edge e .

Output:

- $\delta(u, v)$, for all pairs of nodes u, v .
- A data structure from which the shortest path from u to v can be extracted efficiently, for any pair of nodes u, v
 - Note: Storing *all* shortest paths explicitly for all pairs requires $O(V^3)$ space.

Graph representation

- Assume adjacency matrix
 - $w(u, v)$ can be extracted in $O(1)$ time.
 - $w(u, u) = 0$, $w(u, v) = \infty$ if there is no edge from u to v .
- If the graph is stored in adjacency lists format, can convert to adjacency matrix in $O(V^2)$ time.

Using previous algorithms

When there are no negative cost edges

- Apply Dijkstra's algorithm to each vertex (as the source).
- Recall that Dijkstra algorithm runs in $O(E \log V)$
- This gives an $O(VE \log V)$ -time algorithm
- If the graph is dense, this is $O(n^3 \log n)$.

When negative-weight edges are present

- The Bellman-Ford algorithm permits negative edges and solves the single-source shortest path problem in $O(VE)$ time
 - Run the B-F algorithm from each vertex.
- $O(V^2E)$ time, which is $O(n^4)$ for dense graphs.

Dynamic Programming: Solution 1

Def: $d_{ij}^{(m)}$ = length of the shortest path from i to j that contains at most m edges.

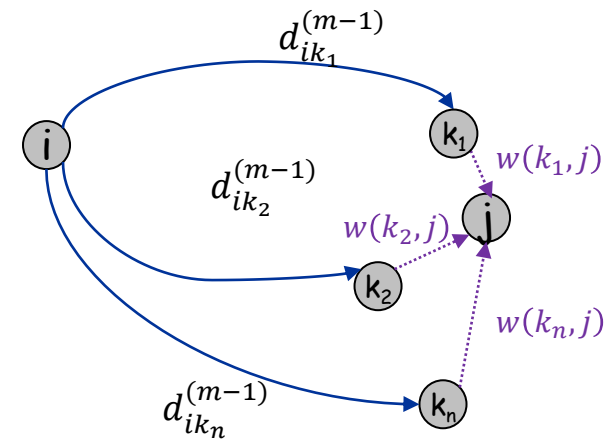
- Use $D^{(m)}$ to denote the matrix $[d_{ij}^{(m)}]$.

Recurrence:

For some k , let P' be the shortest path from i to k containing at most $m - 1$ edges.

$$\text{length}(P') = d_{ik}^{(m-1)}$$

Then P' followed by j is a path from i to j containing at most m edges and has length $d_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w(k, j)$



$$d_{ij}^{(m)} = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{d_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w(k, j)\}$$

$$d_{ij}^{(1)} = w(i, j)$$

Solution 1: Algorithm

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Goal: $D^{(n-1)}$, since no shortest path can have more than $n - 1$ edges

Slow-All-Pairs-Shortest-Paths (G) :

$d_{ij}^{(1)} = w(i, j)$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$

for $m \leftarrow 2$ to $n - 1$

 let $D^{(m)}$ be a new $n \times n$ matrix

 for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n

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$d_{ij}^{(m)} \leftarrow \infty$

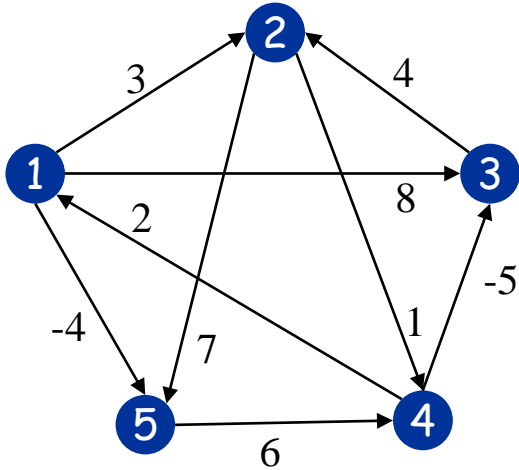
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 if $d_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w(k, j) < d_{ij}^{(m)}$ then $d_{ij}^{(m)} \leftarrow d_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w(k, j)$

return $D^{(n-1)}$

Analysis: $O(n^4)$ time, $O(n^3)$ space, can be improved to $O(n^2)$

Example of Solution 1



- Algorithm starts with $D^{(1)}$, initial edge lengths
- It then iteratively constructs $D^{(2)}$, $D^{(3)}$, $D^{(4)}$
- $D^{(4)}$ is the final solution, containing all shortest path lengths.

$$D^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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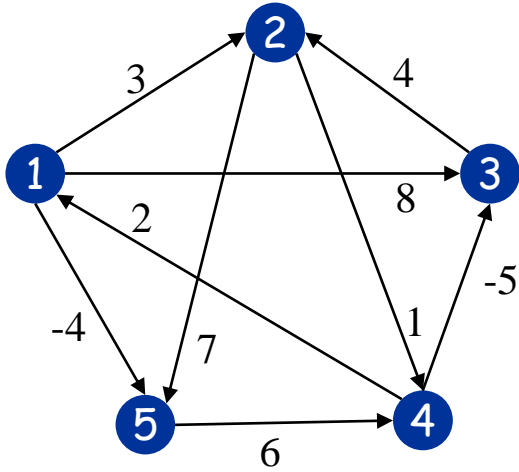
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A Deeper Dive

Consider shortest path from 3 → 5

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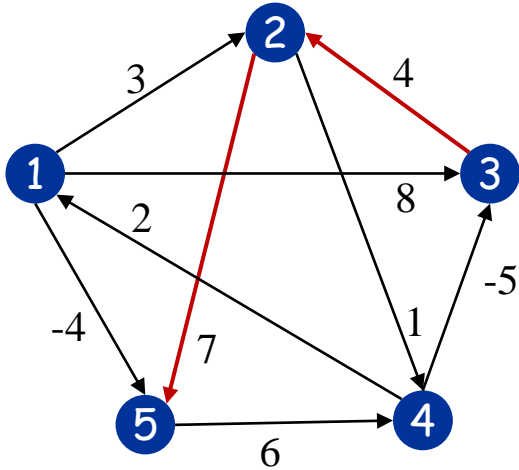
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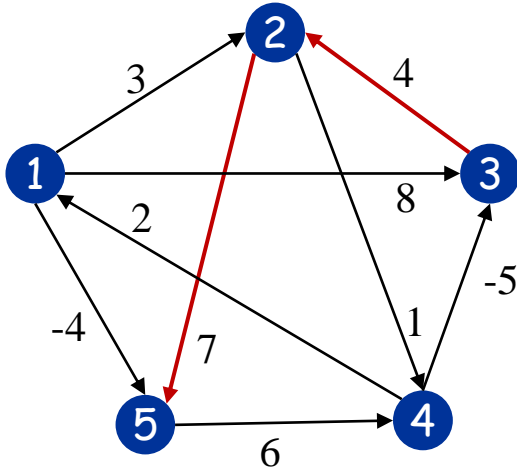
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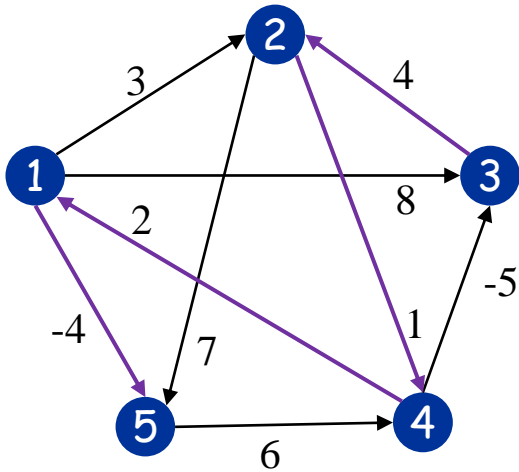
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Dynamic Programming: Solution 2

Observation:

- To compute $d_{ij}^{(m)}$, instead of looking at the last stop before j , we look at the middle point.
- This cuts down the problem size by half.

New recurrence:

$$d_{ij}^{(2s)} = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{d_{ik}^{(s)} + d_{kj}^{(s)}\}$$

Algorithm:

- Calculate $D^{(1)}, D^{(2)}, D^{(4)}, D^{(8)}, \dots$
- Calculating each matrix takes $O(n^3)$ time: total time = $O(n^3 \log n)$.

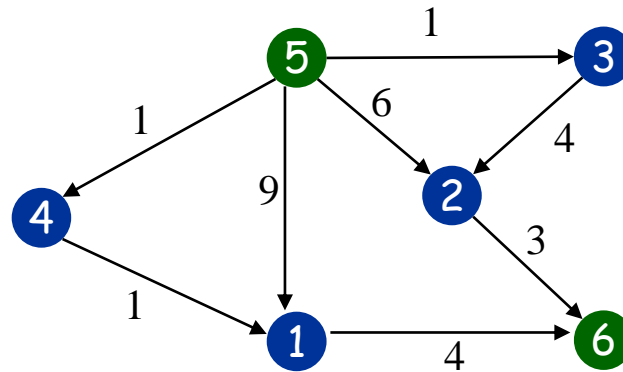
Q: This might overshoot $D^{(n-1)}$. Is algorithm still correct?

A: It's OK. $D^{(n')}$, $n' > n - 1$, contains length of shortest paths with at most n' edges; it will not miss any shortest path with up to $n - 1$ edges.

- Actually, $D^{(n')} = D^{(n-1)}$ for any $n' > n - 1$, since no shortest path has more than $n - 1$ edges.

Solution 3: Floyd-Warshall

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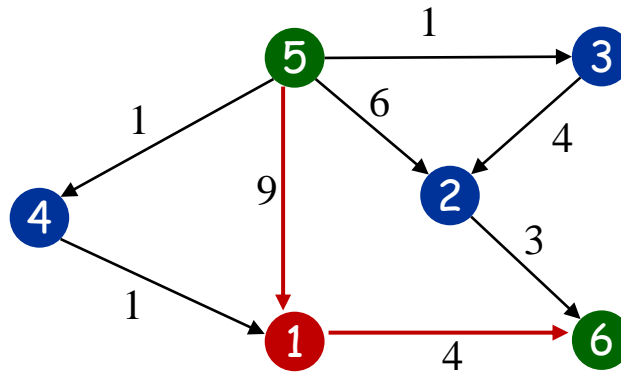
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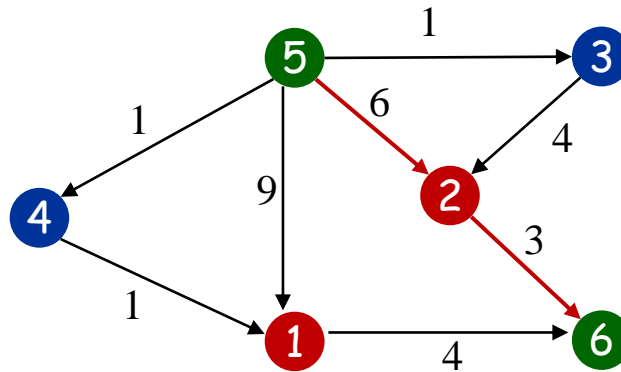
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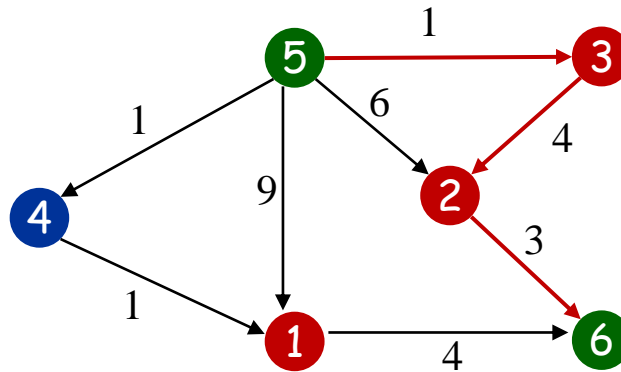
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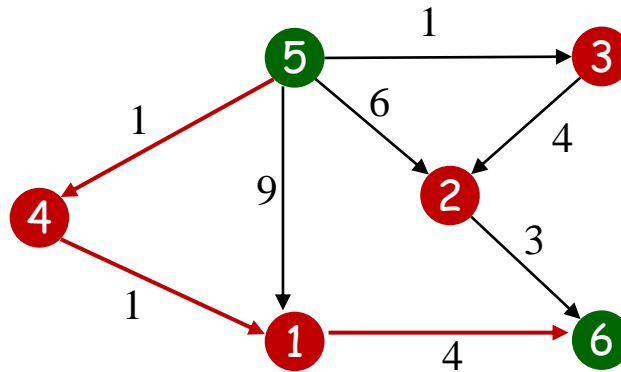
$$d_{5,6}^{(3)} = 8 \quad (5 \ 3 \ 2 \ 6)$$

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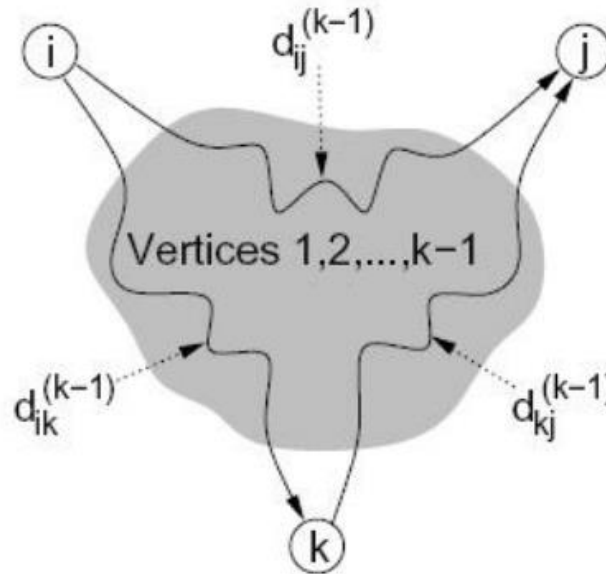
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$$d_{5,6}^{(4)} = 6 \quad (5 \ 4 \ 1 \ 6)$$

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Goal: $D^{(n)}$

Recurrence



$$d_{ij}^{(k)} = \min \left\{ d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)} \right\}$$

When computing $d_{ij}^{(k)}$, there are two cases:

- Case 1: k is not a vertex on the shortest path from i to j
 \Rightarrow then the path uses only vertices in $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$. $d_{ij}^{(k-1)}$
- Case 2: k is an intermediate node on the shortest path from i to j ,
 \Rightarrow path can be split into shortest subpath from i to k and a subpath from k to j .
 Both subpaths use only vertices in $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ $d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)}$

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

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Floyd-Warshall( $G$ ) :  
   $d_{ij}^{(0)} = w(i,j)$  for all  $1 \leq i,j \leq n$   
  for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$   
    let  $D^{(k)}$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix  
    for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$   
      for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$   
        if  $d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)} < d_{ij}^{(k-1)}$  then  
           $d_{ij}^{(k)} \leftarrow d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)}$   
        else  
           $d_{ij}^{(k)} \leftarrow d_{ij}^{(k-1)}$   
  return  $D^{(n)}$ 
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Analysis:

- $O(n^3)$ time
- $O(n^3)$ space, but can be improved to $O(n^2)$

Surprising discovery: If we just drop all the superscripts, i.e., the algorithm just uses one $n \times n$ array D , the algorithm still works! (why?)

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm: Final Version

Floyd-Warshall(G):

$d_{ij} = w(i, j)$ and $intermed[i, j] \leftarrow 0$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$

for $k \leftarrow 1$ to n

 for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n

 for $j \leftarrow 1$ to n

 if $d_{ik} + d_{kj} < d_{ij}$ then

$d_{ij} \leftarrow d_{ik} + d_{kj}$

$intermed[i, j] \leftarrow k$

return D

Analysis:

- $O(n^3)$ time
- $O(n^2)$ space

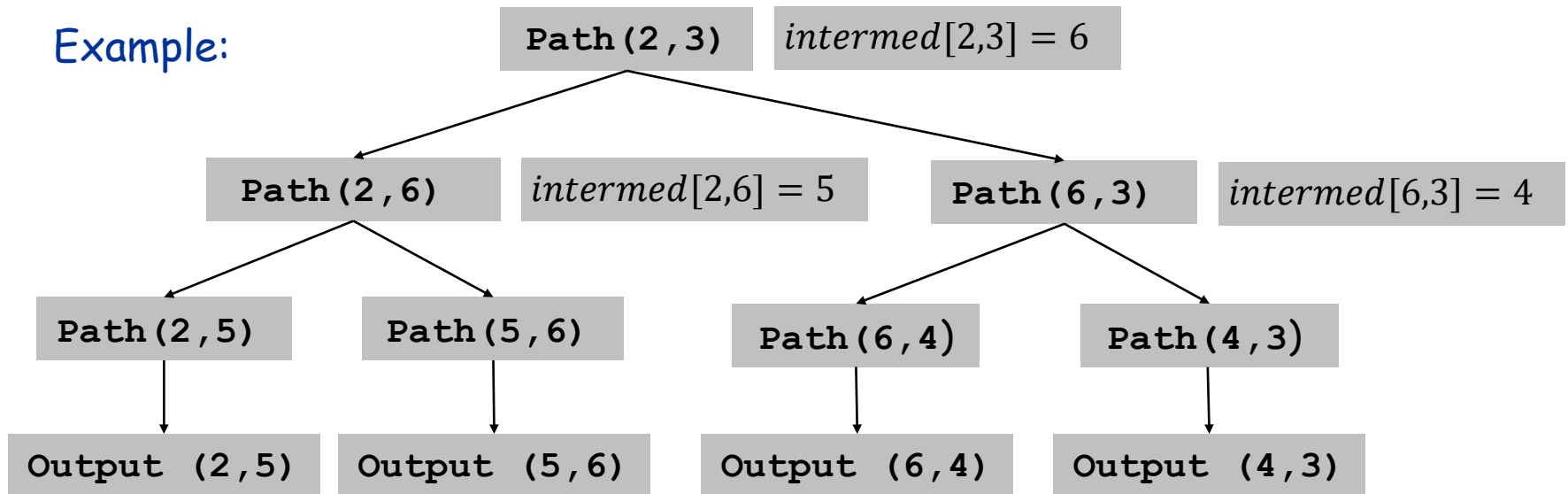
The $intermed[i, j]$ array records **one** intermediate node on the shortest path from i to j .

- It is *nil* if the shortest path does not pass any intermediate nodes.

Extracting Shortest Paths

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Path(i, j) :  
if intermed[i, j] = nil then  
    output (i, j)  
else  
    Path(i, intermed[i, j])  
    Path(intermed[i, j], j)
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Example:



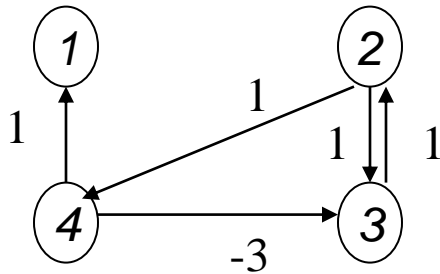
Running time: $O(\text{length of the shortest path})$

Exercise on Detection of Negative Cycles

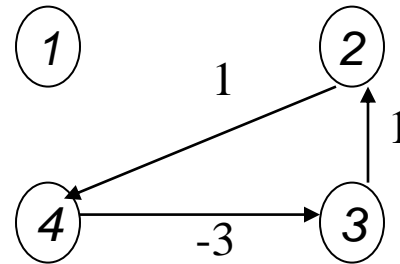
Given a directed weighted graph $G = (V, E)$, use Floyd-Warshall in order to find if a graph has negative cycles

- Assume that $w(i, i) = 0$, for each vertex i

graph G



Negative cycle



Solution for Negative Cycles

- Let's consider the smallest negative cycle C (i.e., the one involving the smallest number of vertices).
- Let k be the highest-numbered vertex in C , and let i be any other vertex in C .
- Then, $d_{i,i}^{(k)} = \min \{d_{i,i}^{(k-1)}, d_{i,k}^{(k-1)} + d_{k,i}^{(k-1)}\} < 0$
- Therefore, as soon as we see $d_{i,i}^{(k)} < 0$ for any i , we conclude that there is a negative cycle and abort the algorithm.

Exercise on Transitive Closure

Given a directed unweighted graph $G = (V, E)$, we want to generate $G^* = (V, E^*)$, where $E^* = \{(i, j): \text{there is a path from } i \text{ to } j \text{ in } G\}$

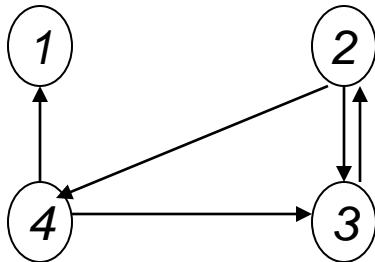
Input: an adjacency matrix A of G :

- $a(i, j) = 1$ if there is an edge from vertex i to j in G
- $a(i, j) = 0$ if there is no edge from vertex i to j in G

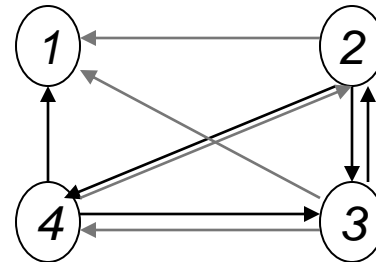
Output: an adjacency matrix A^* of G^* :

- $a^*(i, j) = 1$ if there is a path from vertex i to j in G
- $a^*(i, j) = 0$, otherwise

graph G



transitive closure G^*



Solution 1 on Transitive Closure

We first derive the weight matrix as follows

- $w(i, j) = 1$, if $a(i, j) = 1$
- $w(i, j) = \infty$, if $a(i, j) = 0$

Apply Floyd-Warshall and obtain shortest distance matrix $D^{(n)}$

- $d_{i,j}^{(n)}$ is the length of the shortest path from vertex i to j in G , in terms of the number of edges.

If $d_{i,j}^{(n)} < \infty$, set $a^*(i, j) = 1$

If $d_{i,j}^{(n)} = \infty$, set $a^*(i, j) = 0$

Solution 2 on Transitive Closure

Based on Boolean Operators

Define boolean matrix $T^{(0)} = A$

- $T_{i,j}^{(0)} = a(i,j)$

Optimal substructure

- $T_{i,j}^{(k)} = T_{i,j}^{(k-1)} \vee \left(T_{i,k}^{(k-1)} \wedge T_{k,j}^{(k-1)} \right)$
- $A^* = T^{(n)}$

Asymptotic complexity same as that of Floyd-Warshall $\Theta(n^3)$.

- However, more efficient in practice because boolean operators are faster than arithmetic operators
- Needs less space for the boolean matrix (instead of the distance matrix)