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## Interval Scheduling

- Greedy algorithms - builds up solution in small steps, look it myopically.
- Uses a technique called "stays ahead" (Interval Scheduling)

→ Our greedy solution:  $i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_k$

Another solution:  $j_1, j_2, j_3, \dots, j_m$  → mutually compatible courses

Want to prove that  $m \leq k$

↳ Prove it with out "stays ahead" algorithm.

Claim: For all indices  $r \leq k$ :

We have  $f(i_r) \leq f(j_r)$   
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                    finish time

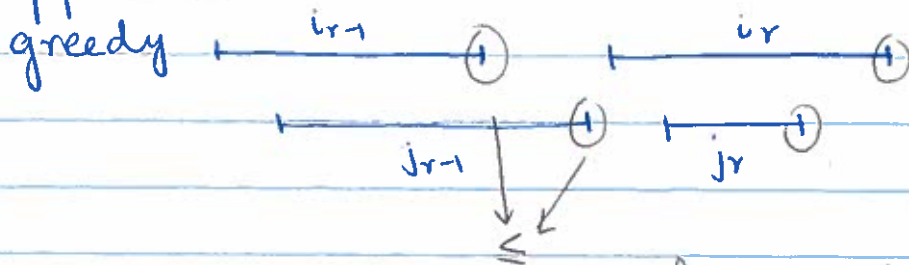
Proof: By induction on  $r$ :

Base case:  $r=1$  ;  $f(i_1) \leq f(j_1)$

Induction Hypothesis: Assume true for  $r-1$ ,  
 $f(i_{r-1}) \leq f(j_{r-1})$

Want to show  $f(i_r) \leq f(j_r)$

Suppose not,



$j_r$  is compatible with  $i_{r-1}$  because

$$f(i_{r-1}) \leq f(j_{r-1}) \leq s(j_r)$$

So greedy would have added it  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

## $\Rightarrow$ SHORTEST PATH: DIJKSTRA'S ALGORITHM

- what are we trying to solve?

  - Think Google Maps

  - Want to find the shortest path

- Weighted graph - each edge  $(u, v)$  is assigned weight  $w(u, v)$   
length

Here  $w(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^+$

- The weight  $w(p)$  of path  $p$  is the sum of its constituent edges' weights.

- Shortest path weight from  $s$  to  $v$

$$S(s, v) = \begin{cases} \min_{\substack{\text{path} \\ p \text{ from } s \text{ to } v}} \{w(p)\} & \text{if } v \text{ is reachable from } s \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\rightarrow$  Input: weighted graph  $G$  (Directed)  
Start node  $s$

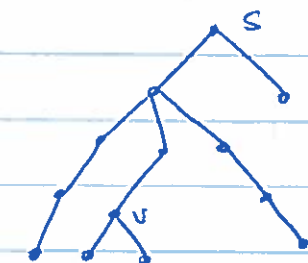
Algorithm computes shortest path from one node to all other nodes!

Output: for each node  $v$

$v.d$  = shortest path length/weight from  $s$  to  $v$

$v.\pi$  = parent of  $v$  in the shortest path tree

• A way to encode this,



Shortest Path Tree

Need to return parent of each node to build this tree

Algorithm:

INITIALIZE ( $G, s$ )

for each vertex  $v$   
 $v.d := \infty$   
 $v.\pi := \text{nil}$   
 $s.d := 0$

A datastructure  
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 that we maintain

$Q := \text{all vertices}$

while  $Q \neq \emptyset$

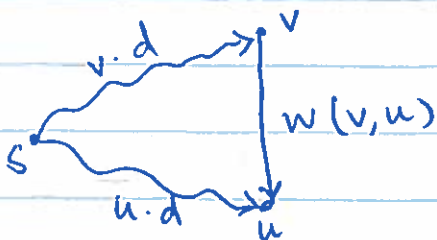
vertices  
 for which  
 we haven't  
 yet determined  
 the shortest  
 path.

$v := \text{Extract-Min}(Q)$

for each edge  $(v, u)$ :

RELAX( $v, u$ )

Find the minimum  $v.c$   
 $Q$  and remove  $v$  from



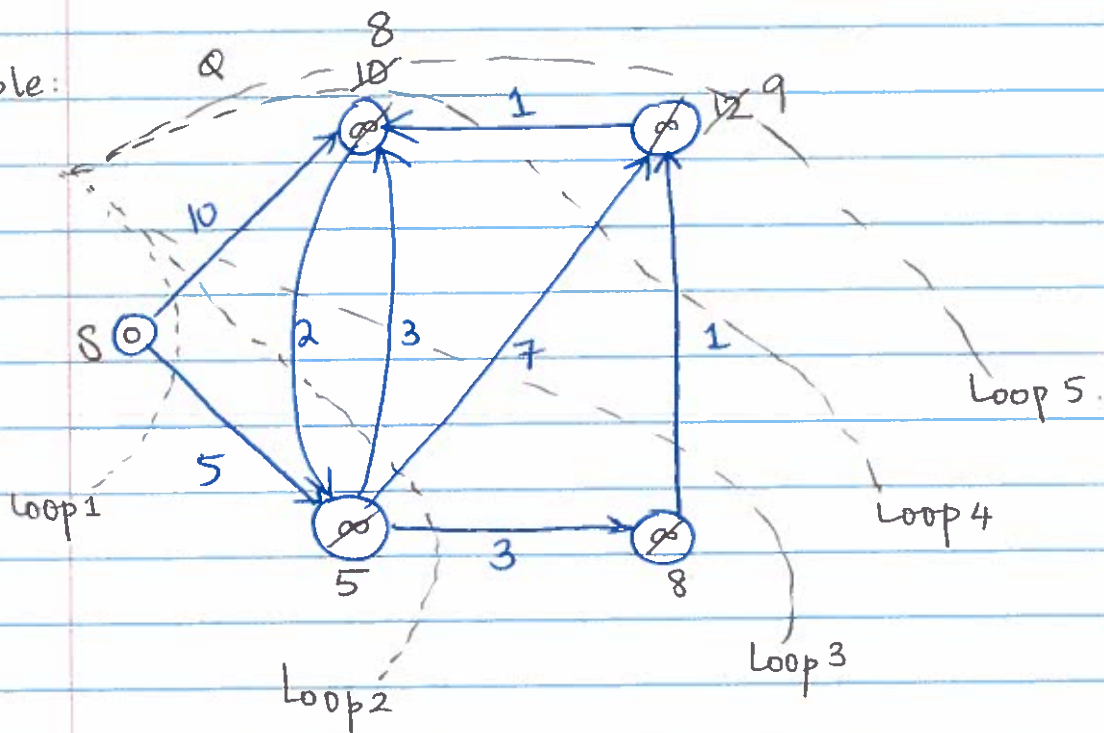
if  $u.d > v.d + w(v, u)$

(New shorter path discovered)

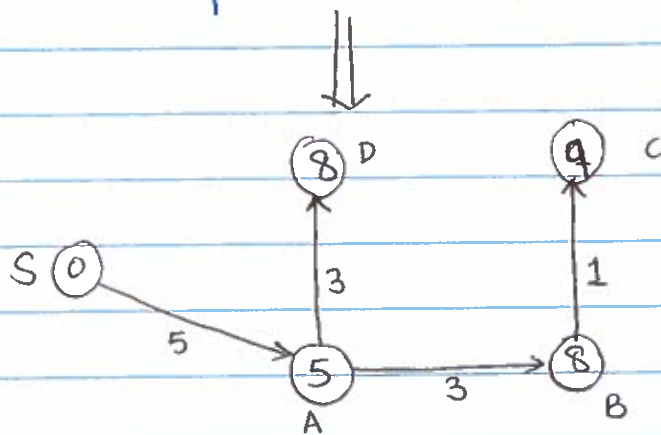
then:  $u.d := v.d + w(v, u)$

$u.\pi := v$

sample:



Track the parents also!



$$A \cdot \pi = S$$

$$A \cdot d = 5$$

$$D \cdot \pi = A$$

$$D \cdot d = 8$$

$$B \cdot \pi = A$$

$$B \cdot d = 8$$

$$C \cdot \pi = B$$

$$C \cdot d = 9$$

