

LEC12 Bellman-Ford

3.30 https://github.com/GUMI-21/MIT6.006_note

Previously

- weighted graphs
shortest-path weight, negative-weight cycles
- BFS positive weighted graphs
- DAG Relaxation
algorithm to solve SSSP on a weighted DAG in $O(|V| + |E|)$ time
- SSSP for graph with negative weights
 - Compute $\delta(s, v)$ for all $v \in V$ ($-\infty$ if v reachable via negative-weight cycle)
 - if a negative-weight cycle reachable from s , return one

for this lecture, we restrict our discussion to directed graphs

Restrictions		SSSP Algorithm		
Graph	Weights	Name	Running Time $O(\cdot)$	Lecture
General	Unweighted	BFS	$ V + E $	L09
DAG	Any	DAG Relaxation	$ V + E $	L11
General	Any	Bellman-Ford	$ V \cdot E $	L12 (Today!)
General	Non-negative	Dijkstra	$ V \log V + E $	L13

Warmup Exercise

- Ex1: Given undirected graph G , return whether G contains a negative weight cycle
every edge with negative edge can be a cycle.
- Ex2: If have Alg A solves SSSP in $O(|V|(|V|+|E|))$
Show how to solve SSSP in $O(|V| \cdot |E|)$

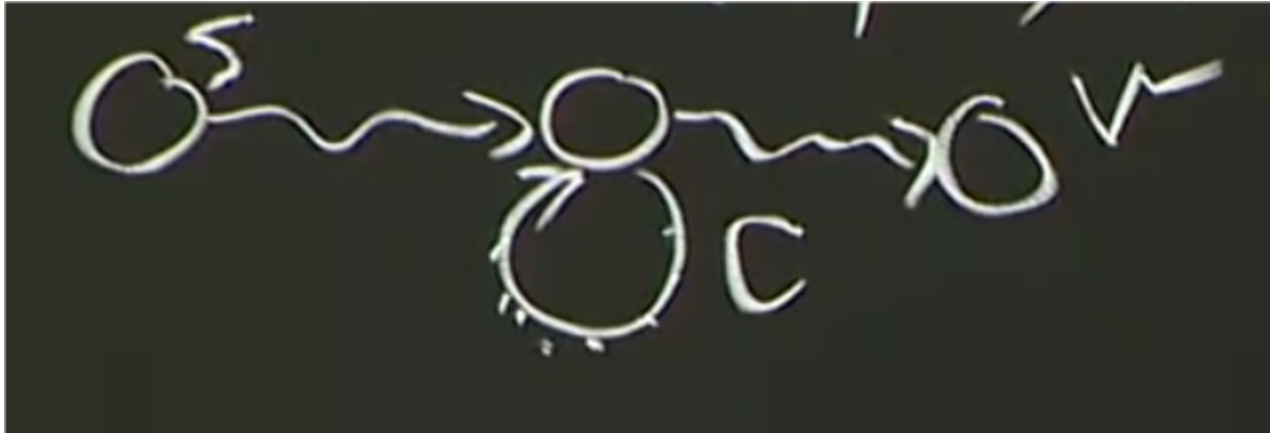
Use BFS or DFS find all the things reachable from S , and throw others away, then I have a graph which V is asymptotically no bigger than E , means $O(|V|(|V|+|E|)) = O(|V||E|)$

Simple Shortest Paths

If graph does not contain negative-weight cycles, shortest paths are simple!

- Claim 1: If $\delta(s, v)$ is finite, there exists a shortest path from s to v is *simple*
PROOF: By contradiction

Assume there is a cycle in the path from s to v , two case: 1. the cycle weight is negative, contradiction, $\rightarrow -\infty$. 2. the cycle weight is 0 or positive, I can just erase the cycle to get the shortest path.



- simple paths cannot repeat vertices, finite shortest paths contain at most $|V| - 1$ edges
So the Shortest path is simple, and $|E| \leq |V| - 1$

Negative Cycle Witness

- then a Idea

What if I limit the number of edges when find the shortest weighted path?

this is called *k-Edges Distance* $\delta_k(s, v)$: shortest s - v path using $\leq k$ edges

- *A Statement*

If $\delta_{|V|}(s, v) < \delta_{|V|-1}(s, v)$, then $\delta(s, v) = -\infty$

---If I can find a vertex that has this property, **this vertex is called a witness**.---

- *Claim 2* if $\delta(s, v) = -\infty$, then v is reachable from a witness.

Proof: By contradiction

Alternative: Prove every negative weighted cycle contains witness

Think there is a Cycle with negative weighted, select a vertex v and his predecessor v' .

Then $\delta_{|v|}(s, v) \leq \delta_{|v|-1}(s, v') + w(v', v)$

then take this equation to all cycle vertices, sum of $w(v', v)$ is the weight of cycle which is negative, then erase the w equation give $\delta_{|v|}(s, v) < \delta_{|v|-1}(s, v')$, which means if there isn't witness in cycle there will be a construction of the definition of witness. proved.

Bellman-Ford

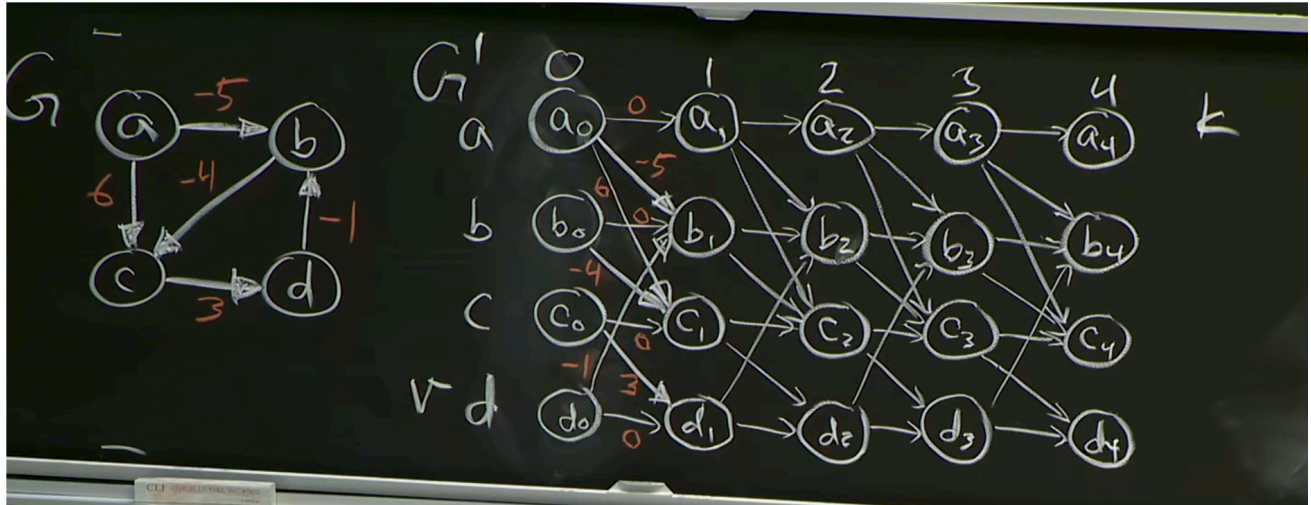
see the R12 note with the original Bellman-Ford, it's easier to understand!

A modified Bellman-Ford

- Idea! Use graph duplication: make multiple copies (or levels) of the graph
this is a very common technique.

=> Make $|V| + 1$ levels, V_k in level k represents reaching vertex v using at most k edges.

If we connect edges from one level to only higher levels, then the graph is DAG!



• ALG

-Construct G' $|V|(|V| + 1)$ vertices, $|V||V| + |V||E| = |V|(|V| + |E|)$ edges

-Run DAG Relaxation from S_0 compute $\delta(s_0, v_k)$ for $k = \{0, \dots, |V|\}$

-For each vertex V : set $d(S, V) = \delta(S_0, V_{|V|-1})$

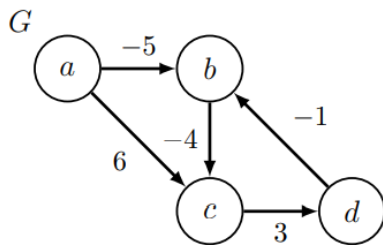
• Claim: $\delta(S_0, V_k) = \delta(S, V)$

-For each witness u in V , $\delta(s_0, u_{|v|}) < \delta(s_0, u_{|v|-1})$

-for each v reachable from u , set $d(s, v) = -\infty$

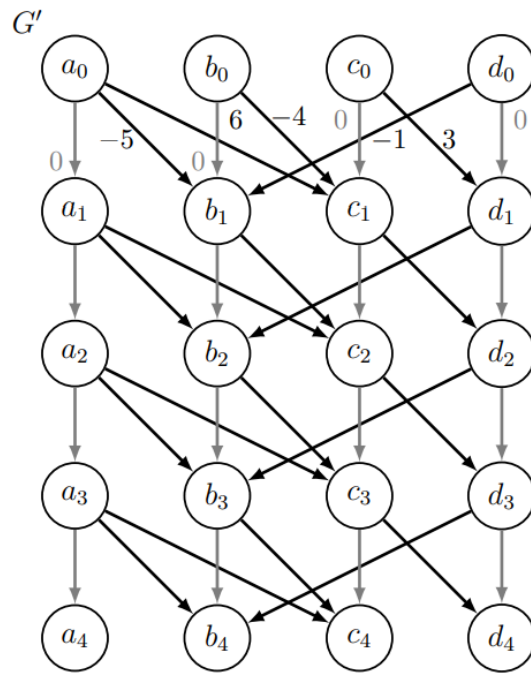
• EXAMPLE from Note

Example



$\delta(a_0, v_k)$

$k \setminus v$	a	b	c	d
0	0	∞	∞	∞
1	0	-5	6	∞
2	0	-5	-9	9
3	0	-5	-9	-6
4	0	-7	-9	-6
$\delta(a, v)$	0	$-\infty$	$-\infty$	$-\infty$



Correctness

- Claim3: $\delta(s_0, v_k) = \delta_k(s, v)$ for all $v \in V$ and $k \in \{0, \dots, |V|\}$