

# LEC11 Weighted Shortest Paths

3.28 [https://github.com/GUMI-21/MIT6.006\\_note](https://github.com/GUMI-21/MIT6.006_note)

## PreReview

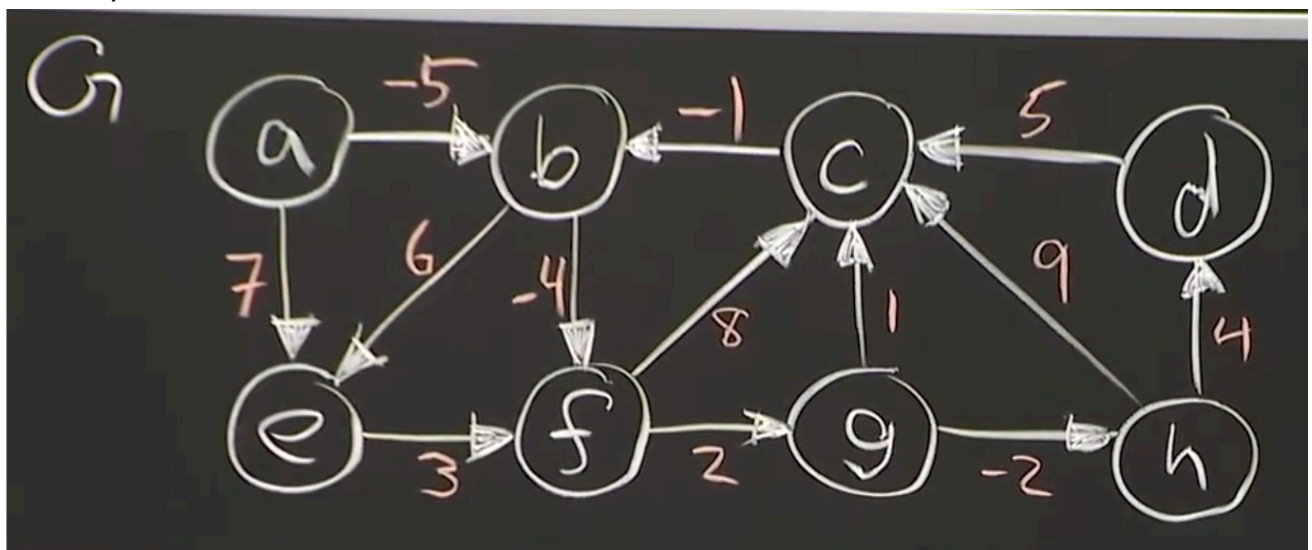
- Single-Source Shortest
  - Paths with BFS in  $O(|V| + |E|)$  time (return distance per vertex)
- Single-Source *Reachability*
  - with BFS or DFS in  $O(|E|)$  time (return only reachable vertices)
  - when talk about Reachability, I only need to judge reachable, doesn't need to maintain parent array
- Connected components
  - with Full-BFS or Full-DFS in  $O(|V| + |E|)$  time
- Topological Sort of a *DAG* with Full-DFS in  $O(|V| + |E|)$  time
  - every vertex go forward in order
- Previously: distance = number of edges in path
- Today: generalize meaning of distance

## Weight Graphs

A weighted graph is a graph  $G = (V, E)$  together with a weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$e = (u, v), w(e) = w(u, v)$

- a example



$w(b, f) = -4$

## application

- distance in road network
- latency in network connections
- strength of a relationship in a social network

## represent weights computationally

1. store in adjacency list. 2. any separate set mapping edge to weight.

- Inside graph representation: store edge weight with each vertex in adjacency lists
- Store separate Set data structure mapping each edge to its weight  
read weight of edge runtime -  $O(1)$

## Weighted Path

weight  $w(\pi)$  if path  $\pi = \sum_{e \in \pi} w(e)$

## a shortest path(weighted)

is a minimum weight path from S to T.

$\delta(s, t) = \inf\{w(\pi) \mid \text{path } \pi \text{ from } s \text{ to } t\}$  (if no path  $\delta(s, t) = \infty$ )

*inf*: infinity

there is a problem in *Negative-weight Cycles*, if there is a path from s to v that goes through a vertex on a negative weight cycle.  $\delta(s, v) = -\infty$

*this will be talked in next lec*

## Weighted Shortest Paths Alg

in next four lectures

- BFS
  - if graph has positive weights, and all weights are the same
  - BUT if I have a positive weight edge, such as  $w(u, v) = 4$ , I can just put four edges of weight 1 in series between u & v. But if the weights are too big can't use this method.

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

## Shortest-Path(weighted) Trees

(for weighted shortest-path, only need  $P(v)$  for  $v$  with finite  $\delta(s, v)$ )

-Init  $P$  empty,  $P(s) = \text{None}$

-For each vertex  $u \in V$  where  $\delta(s, u)$  is finite:

-For each  $v$  in  $\text{Adj}^+(u)$ : if  $v$  not in  $P$  and  $\delta(s, v) = \delta(s, u) + w(u, v)$ , then exist shortest path that uses  $(u, v)$ , so set  $P(v) = u$ .

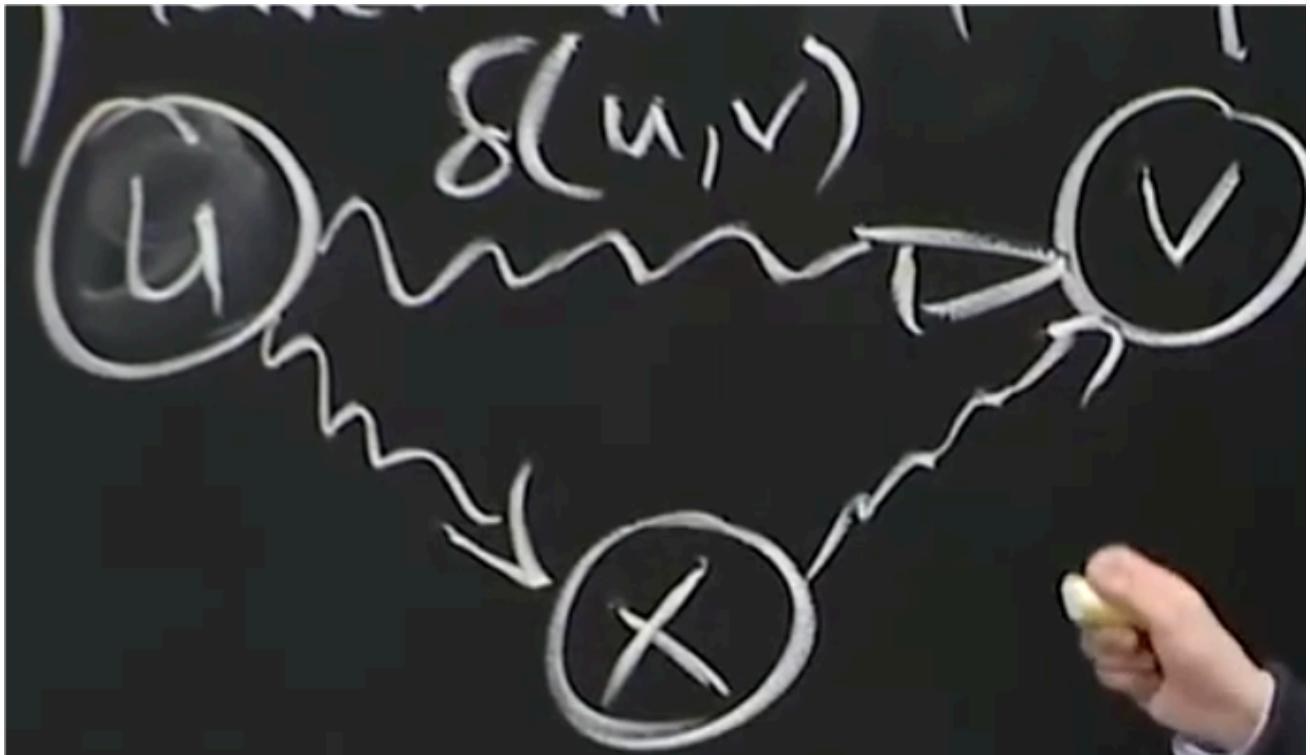
## DAG Relaxation

- the core think of DAG Relaxation Algorithm

Just like iterate all paths and find the minimum path, but on all cross path, the repeated edges just counted once  $\Rightarrow$  store counted path weight.  
(the core thought of Dynamic Programming)

*like a greedy algorithm*

- DAG Relaxation Algorithm  
maintain distance estimates(预估)  $d(s, v)$  (init infinite)  
estimates upper-bound  $\delta(s, v)$ , gradually lower until equal.
- triangle inequality:*

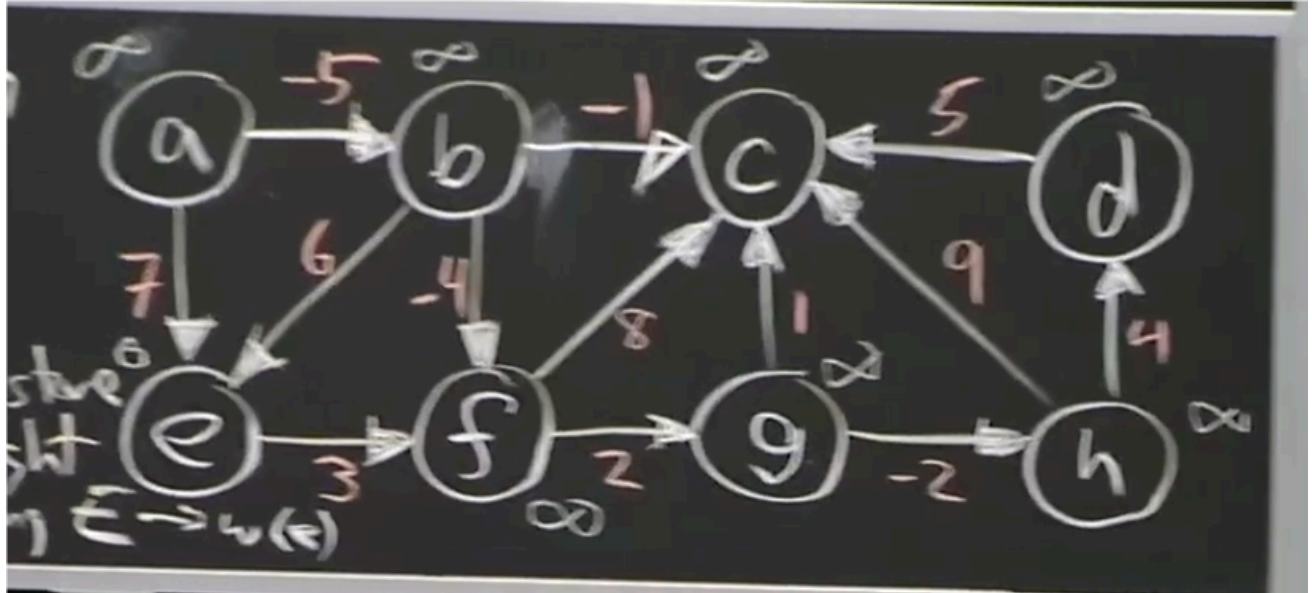


$$\delta(u, v) \leq \delta(u, x) + \delta(x, v)$$

if  $(u, v) \in E$ , s.t.  $d(s, v) > d(s, u) + w(u, v)$

"relax"e dge ny lowering  $d(s, v)$  to  $w(u, v)$

- Relaxation is Safe  
each  $d(s,v)$  is weight of some path from  $s$  to  $v$  or infinite  
 $\text{Relax}(u,v) \Rightarrow$  assign  $d(s,v)$  to weight of some path.
- process  
 $\Rightarrow$  Sets  $d(s,v) = \infty$  then set  $d(s,s) = 0$ , process each vertex  $u$  in a *topological sort order*.  
 $\Rightarrow$  for each outgoing neighbour  $v$  in  $\text{Adj}(u)$ : if  $d(s,v) > d(s,u) + w(u,v)$ :  $\text{relax}(u,v)$ , i.e. set  $d(s,v) = d(s,u) + w(u,v)$



$\Rightarrow$  Claim: At end, all  $d(s,v) = \delta(s,v)$   
can be proofed by induction.