

LEC11 Weighted Shortest Paths

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PreReview

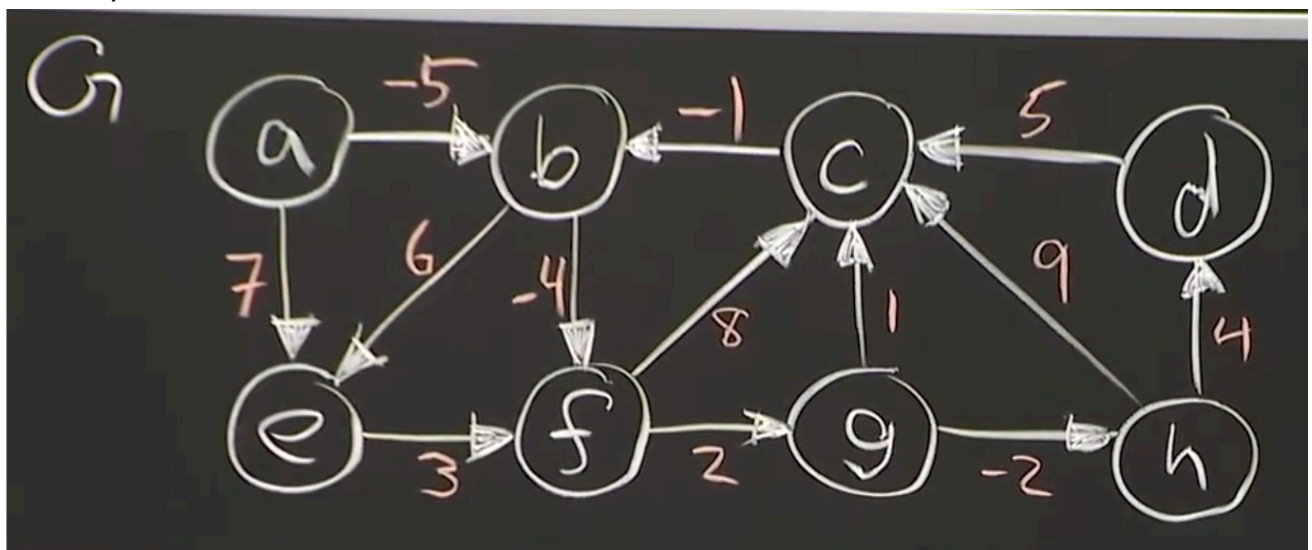
- Single-Source Shortest
 - Paths with BFS in $O(|V| + |E|)$ time (return distance per vertex)
- Single-Source *Reachability*
 - with BFS or DFS in $O(|E|)$ time (return only reachable vertices)
 - when talk about Reachability, I only need to judge reachable, doesn't need to maintain parent array
- Connected 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 $P(v) = u$.

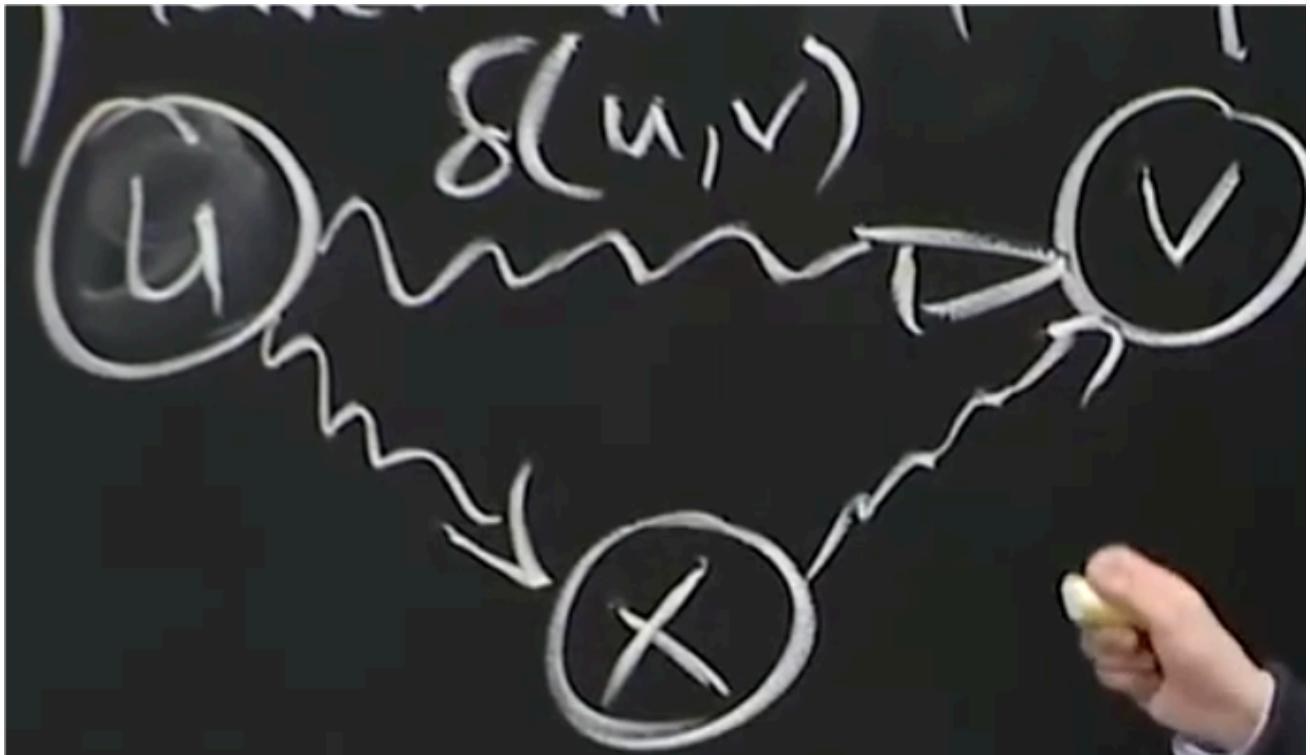
DAG Relaxation

- 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:*

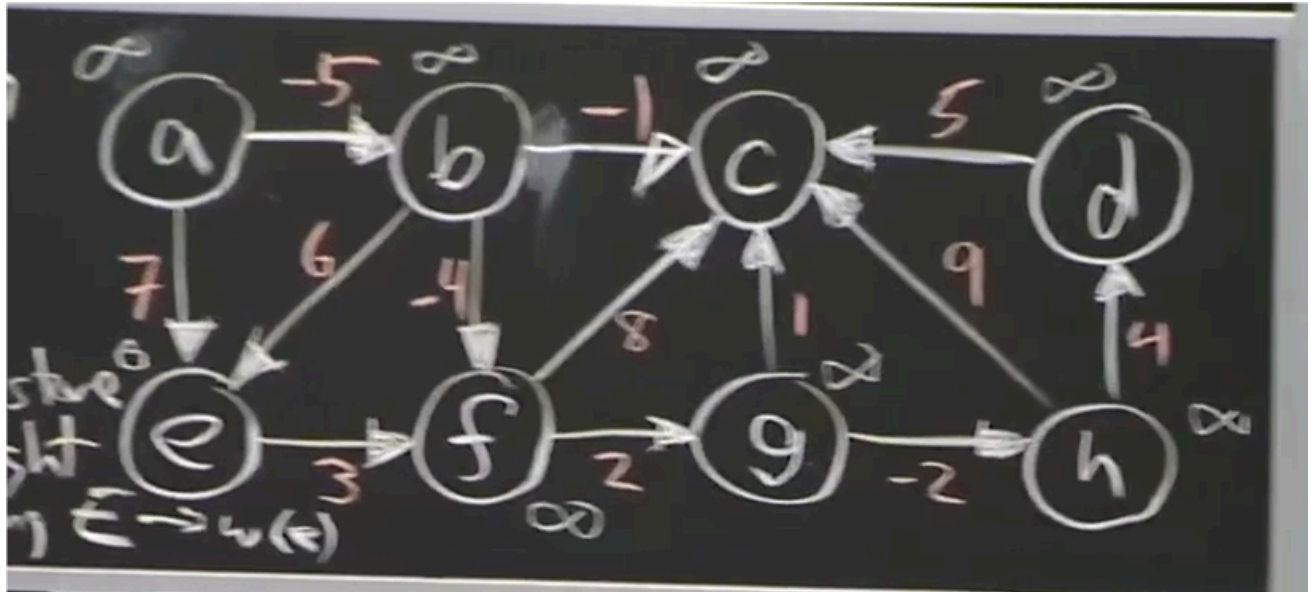


$$\delta(u, v) \leq \delta(u, x) + \delta(x, v)$$

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.