

Some Problems on Graphs (III)

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Module #7: Some Problems on Graphs (part III)

Outline:

- Shortest-Path Problem:
 - Dijkstra's Algorithm

Single-Source Shortest-Path Problem.



- Let a **weighted graph** (i.e. associated with each edge (v_i, v_j) is a cost $c_{i,j}$ to traverse the edge).
- The **cost of a path** $v_1 v_2 \dots v_N$ is $\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} c_{i,i+1}$. This is referred to as the **weighted path length**.
- For the **unweighted path length** is merely the number of edges on the path, namely, $N - 1$.

Single-Source Shortest-Path Problem.

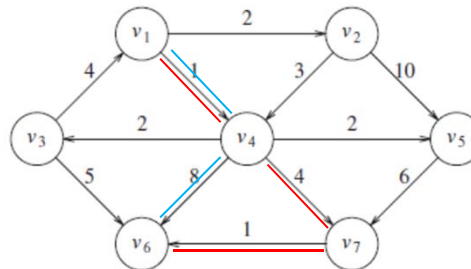
Given a **weighted graph**, $G = (V, E)$, and a distinguished vertex, s , find the **shortest weighted path** from s to every other vertex in G .

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Single-Source Shortest-Path Problem.



- Example:

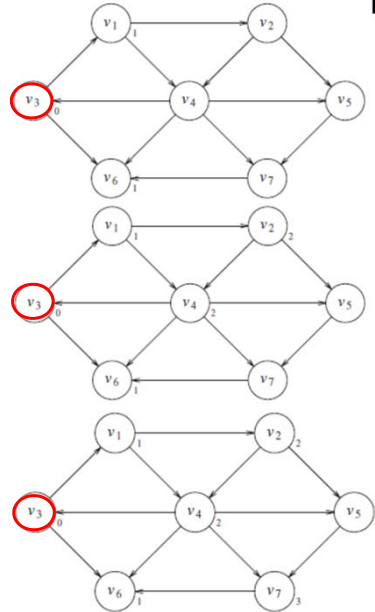


- The **shortest weighted path** from v_1 to v_6 has a cost of 6 and goes from v_1 to v_4 to v_7 to v_6 (**red path**).
- The **shortest unweighted path** between these vertices is 2 (**blue path**).
- Note: For the **shortest unweighted path** we are only interested in the number of edges contained on the path. This is clearly a special case of the **weighted shortest-path problem**, since we could assign all edges a weight of 1.

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Shortest Unweighted Path Problem.

- Suppose we choose start vertex, s , to be v_3 . The shortest path from s to v_3 is then a path of length 0.
- Then we can start looking for all vertices that are a distance 1 away from s (by looking at the vertices that are adjacent to s).
- Next: find vertices whose shortest path from s is exactly 2, (by finding all the vertices adjacent to v_1 and v_6), whose shortest paths are not already known. This search tells us that the shortest path (from s) to v_2 and v_4 is 2.
- etc..



Shortest-Path Problem. Some Applications

- Driving directions
- Cheap flight itineraries
- Network routing
- Critical paths in project management

Shortest Weighted Path. Dijkstra's Algorithm



- **Inventor:** Edsger Dijkstra (1930-2002), one of the founders of Computer Science; this is just one of his many contributions.

■ The Problem:

- Given a **digraph with non-negative edge weights**, $G=(V,E)$, and a distinguished source vertex s in V .
- Determine the distance and a **shortest path** from the source vertex to every vertex in the digraph.

■ Question:

- How do you design an **efficient algorithm** for this problem?

Edsger Dijkstra:

http://amturing.acm.org/award_winners/dijkstra_1053701.cfm

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Dijkstra's Algorithm



■ Basic Ideas:

- Each vertex is marked as either **known** or **unknown**. A tentative distance d_v is kept for each vertex.
- d_v turns out to be the shortest path length from s to v using only **known** vertices as intermediates.
- We record p_v , which is the last vertex to cause a change to d_v .
- Its is a **greedy algorithm** i.e., at each stage, **Dijkstra's algorithm** selects a vertex v , which has the smallest d_v among all the **unknown** vertices, and declares that the shortest path from s to v is **known**.

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Dijkstra's Algorithm

■ Pseudocode:

1. For each node v , set $v.dist = \infty$ and $v.known = false$
2. Set $source.dist = 0$
3. While there are unknown nodes in the graph
 - a) Select the unknown node v with lowest distance
 - b) Mark v as known
 - c) For each edge (v,u) with weight w ,

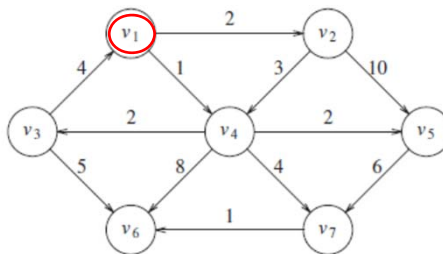

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c1 = v.dist + w // distance of best path through v to u
c2 = u.cost      // distance of best path to u previously known
if(c1 < c2)      // if the path through v is better /shorter
{
    u.dist = c1
    u.path = v   // for computing actual paths
}
          
```

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■ Example:



Initial Configuration

v	$known$	d_v	p_v
v_1	F	0	0
v_2	F	∞	0
v_3	F	∞	0
v_4	F	∞	0
v_5	F	∞	0
v_6	F	∞	0
v_7	F	∞	0

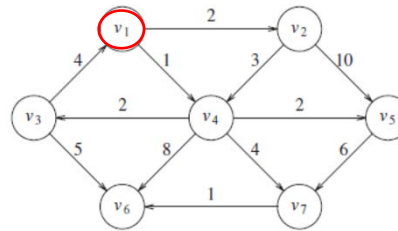
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Example:

Initial Configuration

v	$known$	d_v	p_v
v_1	F	0	0
v_2	F	∞	0
v_3	F	∞	0
v_4	F	∞	0
v_5	F	∞	0
v_6	F	∞	0
v_7	F	∞	0



After v_1 is declared known

v	$known$	d_v	p_v
v_1	T	0	0
v_2	F	2	v_1
v_3	F	∞	0
v_4	F	1	v_1
v_5	F	∞	0
v_6	F	∞	0
v_7	F	∞	0

After v_4 is declared known

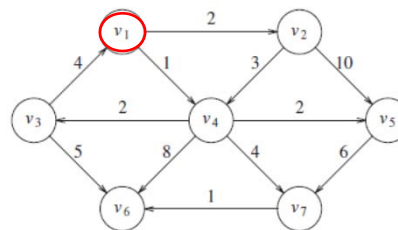
v	$known$	d_v	p_v
v_1	T	0	0
v_2	F	2	v_1
v_3	F	3	v_4
v_4	T	1	v_1
v_5	F	3	v_4
v_6	F	9	v_4
v_7	F	5	v_4

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Example:

After v_4 is declared known

v	$known$	d_v	p_v
v_1	T	0	0
v_2	F	2	v_1
v_3	F	3	v_4
v_4	T	1	v_1
v_5	F	3	v_4
v_6	F	9	v_4
v_7	F	5	v_4



After v_2 is declared known

v	$known$	d_v	p_v
v_1	T	0	0
v_2	T	2	v_1
v_3	F	3	v_4
v_4	T	1	v_1
v_5	F	3	v_4
v_6	F	9	v_4
v_7	F	5	v_4

After v_5 and then v_3 are declared known

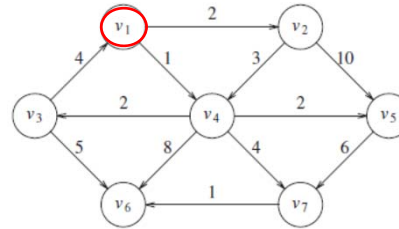
v	$known$	d_v	p_v
v_1	T	0	0
v_2	T	2	v_1
v_3	T	3	v_4
v_4	T	1	v_1
v_5	T	3	v_4
v_6	F	8	v_3
v_7	F	5	v_4

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Example:

After v_5 and then v_3 are declared known

v	known	d_v	p_v
v_1	T	0	0
v_2	T	2	v_1
v_3	T	3	v_4
v_4	T	1	v_1
v_5	T	3	v_4
v_6	F	8	v_3
v_7	F	5	v_4



After v_7 is declared known

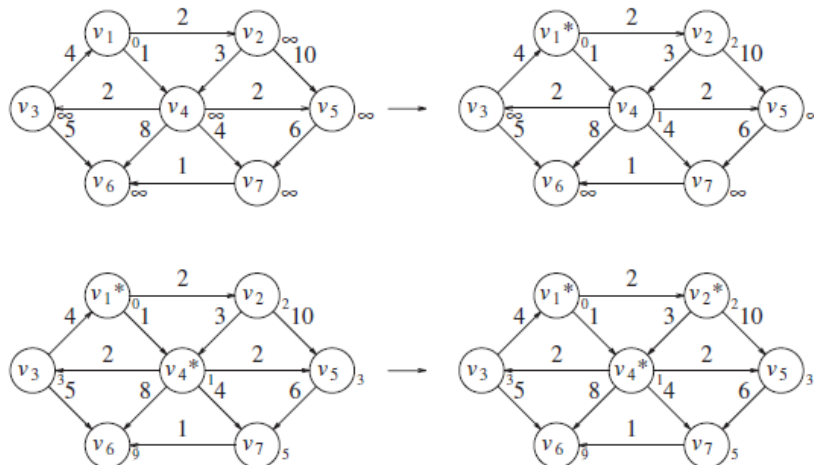
v	known	d_v	p_v
v_1	T	0	0
v_2	T	2	v_1
v_3	T	3	v_4
v_4	T	1	v_1
v_5	T	3	v_4
v_6	F	6	v_7
v_7	T	5	v_4

After v_6 is declared known

v	known	d_v	p_v
v_1	T	0	0
v_2	T	2	v_1
v_3	T	3	v_4
v_4	T	1	v_1
v_5	T	3	v_4
v_6	T	6	v_7
v_7	T	5	v_4

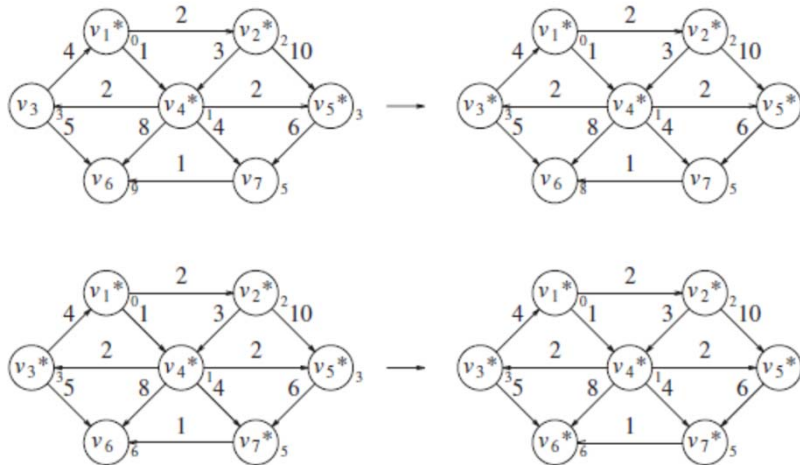
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Example: Stages of Dijkstra's Algorithm



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Dijkstra's Algorithm

Efficiency, first approach

Dijkstra(Graph G, Node start)

for each node:	}	$O(V)$
x.dist=infinity, x.known=false, start.dist = 0		
while(not all nodes are known) {	}	$O(V ^2)$
b = find unknown node with smallest dist		
b.known = true		
for each edge (b,a) in G	}	$O(E)$
if(!a.known)		
if(b.dist + weight((b,a)) < a.dist){		
a.dist = b.dist + weight((b,a))		
a.path = b		
}		
}		

Total Running Time Complexity: $O(|V|^2)$

Homework: How to improve the $O(|V|^2)$ of the Dijkstra's Algorithm?

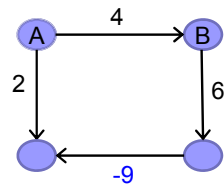
Hint: use a MinHeap to store the vertices for which shortest distance is not finalized yet.

Recommended Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXfDYaahsNA>

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- Shortest paths with **negative weights**: **failed examples!**



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Dijkstra Solution:

Shortest path (A,D) = [A,D] = 2

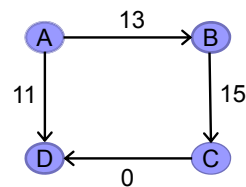
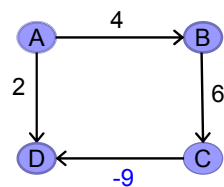
Correct solution:

Shortest path (A,D) = [A,B,C,D] = 1 !!!

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- Re-weighting.** Adding a constant to every edge weight also doesn't work.



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A	F 0	T 0	T 0	T 0	T 0
B	F ∞	F 13	F 13	T 13	T 13
C	F ∞	F ∞	F ∞	F 28	T 28
D	F ∞	F 11	T 11	T 11	T 11

Dijkstra Solution:

Shortest path (A,D) = [A,D] = 11

Correct solution (in the original graph):

Shortest path (A,D) = [A,B,C,D] = 1 !!!

Bad news: Need a different algorithm!!!

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- For a full version of the Dijkstra's algorithm implementation please consult:

<https://users.cs.fiu.edu/~weiss/dsj2/code/Graph.java>

(Author: Mark Weiss)

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