

CMSC 401 – Fall 2023

Programming Assignment 3 (due Thu, 11/9 – 11:59pm)

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CMSC 401- Algorithm Analysis with
Advanced Data Structures



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Second Best Road Trip

- You are planning to drive from Richmond to L.A.
- You want to spend small amount on the gas and motels but also you do not want to go with the cheapest/best option to avoid other problems (e.g., low quality rooms, unexpected traffic congestion)
- Thus, you decided to pick the second best route.
- You have done your research and you know:
 - cost of an overnight stay in the cheapest motel in each of the cities on the possible routes
 - cost of driving between cities without overnight stays
- Now you need to write a program that will take all that data, and find the cheapest route
 - The route with lowest sum of motel and gas costs

Assignment 3

- Write a program `CMSC401_A3.java` that reads the database of gas & motel costs, which is in the format below:

- The number of cities, N , in the first line. $N \geq 3$, $N \leq 1000$ 5
- The total number of direct highways between cities, M , in the second line. $M \geq 2$, $M \leq 10000$ 7
- Lowest motel price for each of $N-2$ cities (excluding L.A. and Richmond), each as a single line of two numbers: city number (3... N), motel cost (1...200) 3 78
4 87
5 98
- Gas prices for traveling direct highways between two cities, each as a single line of three numbers: city number (1... N), city number (1... N), cost of gas for travel between the two cities (1...200) 1 4 98
5 4 45
1 5 140
4 3 87
2 5 150
3 5 109
3 2 73
- Richmond is city number 1, L.A. is city number 2
- Cost shouldn't include a motel in Richmond and in L.A.

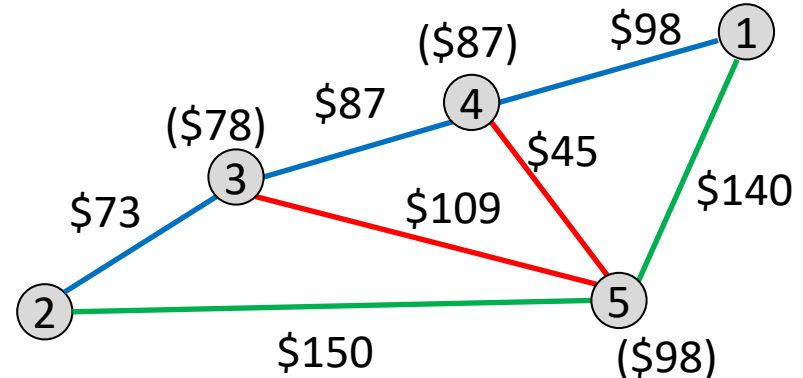
Example

Input in correct format

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5
7
3 78
4 87
5 98
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5 4 45
1 5 140
4 3 87
2 5 150
3 5 109
3 2 73
```

Correct output

4 2 3



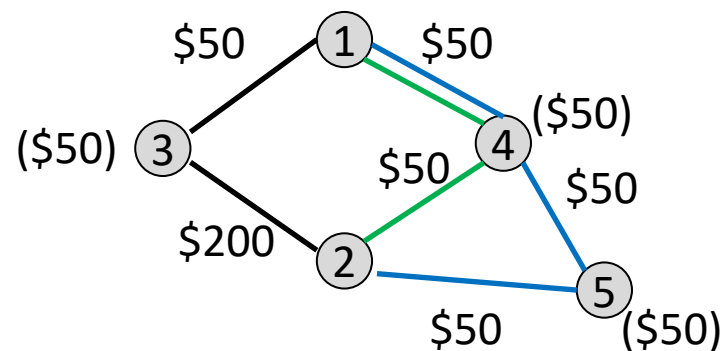
Green shows the **cheapest** route from city 1 (Richmond) to city 2 (L.A) with cost **\$388**: \$140+\$150 for gas + \$98 for motel.
Second **cheapest** route is shown in **blue** with cost **\$423**: \$98 + \$87 + \$73 for gas and \$87 + \$78 for motel.

Remarks

- There will always be at least two ways of getting from city 1 to city 2
- If a cost for gas from city A to B is in the input, cost for gas from B to A is the same and will not be in the input
- Complexity should be $O(V^3)$.
- Any Java libraries, classes, functions related to graphs, vertices, edges are **NOT allowed**
 - Create your own (adjacency matrix or adjacency list)
- Using Java queue or priority queue (and other simple data structures such as lists, hash maps) **is allowed**
- No other text, comments, questions on output **(you will lose points, if provided)**

Remarks

- Hint: Consider finding the shortest path first, then try to use it to find the second shortest path by running the same algorithm (one of those covered in the class only) multiple times and with some **adaptations** to the graph.
- It is possible that second cheapest road might have the same cost with the best route.
- It is also possible that second cheapest route may have overlaps with the best route.



Submission

- Date due: Thu, Nov 9th, 11:59 pm
- Submission through Canvas
 - Just submit the single Java source code file **CMSC401_A3.java**
 - No need to zip. Don't worry about "-1", "-2" added to your file by Canvas for new versions.
 - The file should have *your name* in a comment in the first line
 - Remember: in Java, class name should **match** the file name, and is case sensitive
- **Please do NOT create your own packages**
- Use standard I/O to read input (System.in, System.out) and output
- Make sure the **program compiles and WORKS!**
- Late submissions are accepted **up to 2 days only with penalties!**
(If you have a special accommodation, let me know if you will use it at least 24 hours before the deadline)