Algorithm and Data Structure Analysis (ADSA)

Shortest Paths2

Bellman-Ford Algorithm

- Dijkstra's algorithm works for acyclic graphs and for non-negative edge costs.
- Bellman-Ford algorithm solves the problem for arbitrary edge costs.
- It uses n-1 rounds and relaxes all edges in each round.
- This works as simple paths have at most n-1 edges.
- After the relaxations are complete, we have all shortest paths to nodes with non-negative cycles.
- to identify the nodes that can be reached by using negative cycles.

Finding Nodes with Negative Cycles

- Assume that there is an edge e=(u,v) that allows to improve d[v] after the relaxations are complete.
- Then the node v is reachable by using a negative cycle.
- Furthermore, all nodes reachable from v can also be reached by using a negative cycle.
- We set $d[v] = -\infty$ for these nodes v.
- We use postprocessing and the function infect to find nodes reachable by negative cycles.

Bellman-Ford Algorithm

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Function BellmanFord(s : NodeId) : NodeArray \times NodeArray
    d = \langle \infty, \dots, \infty \rangle : NodeArray \text{ of } \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}
                                                                                    // distance from root
    parent = \langle \bot, ..., \bot \rangle : NodeArray of NodeId
    d[s] := 0; \quad parent[s] := s
                                                                                 // self-loop signals root
    for i := 1 to n - 1 do
        forall e \in E do relax(e)
                                                                                                 // round i
    forall e = (u, v) \in E do
                                                                                        // postprocessing
        if d[u] + c(e) < d[v] then infect(v)
    return (d, parent)
                                                                                Fig 10.9 Mehlhorn/Sanders
Procedure infect(v)
    if d[v] > -\infty then
        d[v] := -\infty
        foreach (v, w) \in E do infect(w)
                                                                       Runtime O(nm)
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All-pairs-shortest-paths (APSP)

Given a directed graph G=(V,E) and a cost function $c: E \to R_{\geq 0}$ on the edges.

Compute for each pair of nodes i and j a shortest path.

- We assume edge costs are non-negative.
- The nodes are labeled 1, ..., n.
- We set $c(i,j) = \infty$ if there is no edge from i to j in G.
- Otherwise, c(i,j) is the cost of the edge from i to j.

Dynamic Programming

Dynamic Programming is powerful approach to solve problems of special structure.

Approach:

- Define and solve subproblems
- Combine solutions
- Subproblems are not independent (they share subsubproblems)
- Solve every subsubproblem just once and store the answer
- Avoid recomputation

Dynamic Programming

- 1. Characterize the structure of an optimal solution.
- 2. Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.
- 3. Compute the value of an optimal solution bottom up.
- 4. Construct an optimal solution from computed information.

Properties of subpaths

Lemma: Subpaths of a shortest path are also shortest paths. Proof (by contradiction):

- Assume that the path P is a shortest path from s to v.
- Assume that a subpath from a to b is not a shortest path from a to b



- This implies that there is a shorter path from a to b
- We can use this path to obtain a shorter path from s to v.
- Contradiction to P is shortest path from s to v.

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

Idea: Compute the shortest path from i to j using only the intermediate nodes 1, ..., k.

Do this for every k, $0 \le k \le n$.

Notation:

- d_k(i,j) is the cost of a shortest path from i to j if only nodes from the set {1,, k} are used.
- $N_k(i,j)$: denotes the successor of i in such a path.

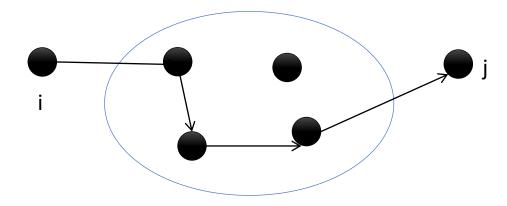
Compute the entries of d and N for the different values of i,j,k

• k=0: no intermediate node is allowed and we have

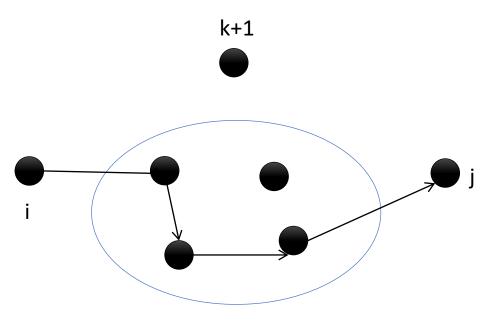
$$d_0(i,j) = c(i,j)$$
 and $N_0(i,j) = j$

• k+1: we have to check whether node k+1 can be used for a shorter path.

Shortest path from i to j using the nodes 1, ..., k

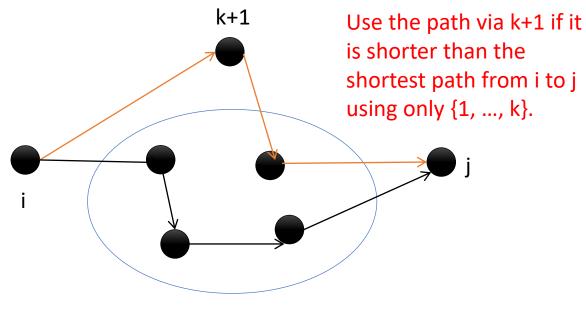


Nodes 1, ..., k



Adding the node k+1 may lead to a shorter path from i to j.

Nodes 1, ..., k



Nodes 1, ..., k

Two possibilities:

- The node k+1 does not improve the shortest path from i to j.
- We get a shorter path by going from i to k+1 and from k+1 to j.

Taking the best option, we get

$$d_{k+1}(i,j) = \min\{d_k(i,j), d_k(i,k+1) + d_k(k+1,j)\}\$$

• The length of a shortest path from i to j in the given graph G is $d_n(i,j)$

Successors

- If $d_k(i,j) \leq d_k(i,k+1) + d_k(k+1,j)$ we set $N_{k+1}(i,j) = N_k(i,j)$
- Else we set $N_{k+1}(i,j) = N_k(i,k+1)$

$$k = 0:$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{-2} 3$$

$$2 \xrightarrow{4} 1$$

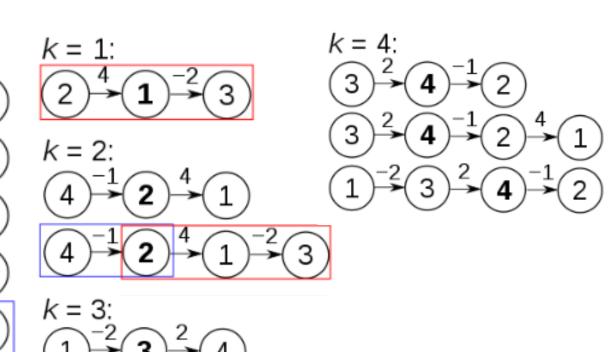
$$2 \xrightarrow{3} 3$$

$$2 \xrightarrow{3} 3$$

$$-1 \xrightarrow{4} 2$$

$$3 \xrightarrow{2} 4$$

$$4 \xrightarrow{-1} 2$$



The distance matrix at each iteration of \emph{k} , with the updated distances in **bold**, will be:

k = 0			j	i				
		1	2	3	4			
i	1	0	∞	-2	00			
	2	4	0	3	00			
	3	00	00	0	2			
	4	00	-1	00	0			

k = 1			j	i				
		1	2	3	4			
i	1	0	∞	-2	∞			
	2	4	0	2	00			
	3	00	00	0	2			
	4	œ	-1	00	0			

<i>k</i> = 2			j			
		1	2	3	4	
i	1	0	∞	-2	00	
	2	4	0	2	00	
	3	00	00	0	2	
	4	3	-1	1	0	

<i>k</i> = 3		j			
		1	2	3	4
i	1	0	00	-2	0
	2	4	0	2	4
	3	00	00	0	2
	4	3	-1	1	0

k = 4		j			
		1	2	3	4
i	1	0	-1	-2	0
	2			2	4
	3	5	1	0	2
	4	3	-1	1	0

Pseudocode

Runtime

We need to compute all the entries

$$d_k(i,j), 1 \le i, j, k \le n$$

 $N_k(i,j), 1 \le i, j, k \le n$

- For k=0, we can set the values directly.
- Each entry for k+1 can be computed in constant time if we have already all entries for k.
- There are O(n³) entries that have to be computed.
- Total runtime is O(n³).