

# All-Pairs Shortest Paths

# Introduction

In this Lecture, we consider the problem of finding shortest paths between all pairs of vertices in a graph.

This problem might arise in making a table of distances between all pairs of cities for a road atlas.

As previously, we are given a weighted, directed graph

$G = (V, E)$  with a weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that maps edges to real-valued weights.

We wish to find, for every pair of vertices  $u, v \in V$ , a shortest (least-weight) path from  $u$  to  $v$ , where the weight of a path is the sum of the weights of its constituent edges.

We typically want the output in tabular form: the entry in  $u$ 's row and  $v$ 's column should be the weight of a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ .

We can solve an all-pairs shortest-paths problem by running a **single-source shortest-paths algorithm**  $|V|$  times, once for each vertex as the source.

If all edge weights are **nonnegative**, we can use Dijkstra's algorithm.

The rough estimation of the running time is than  $O(V^3)$ .

If the graph has **negative-weight** edges, we cannot use Dijkstra's algorithm.

Instead, we must run the slower Bellman-Ford algorithm once from each vertex.

The resulting running time is  $O(V^2E)$ , which on a dense graph is  $O(V^4)$ .

We shall see how to do better.

Unlike the single-source algorithms, which assume an **adjacency-list representation** of the graph, most of the algorithms in this Lecturer use an **adjacency-matrix** representation.

(Johnson's algorithm for sparse graphs uses adjacency lists.)

We assume that the vertices are numbered  $1, 2, \dots, |V|$ .

**Input:** an  $n \times n$  matrix  $W$  representing the edge weights of an  $n$ -vertex directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ .

That is,  $W = \{w_{ij}\}$ , where

$$0 \text{ if } i = j;$$

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} \text{the weight of directed edge } (i, j) & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) \in E; \\ \infty & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) \notin E; \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

We allow negative-weight edges, but we assume that the **input graph contains no negative-weight cycles**.

**Output:** an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D = (d_{ij})$ , where entry  $d_{ij}$  contains the weight of a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ .

That is, if  $\delta(i, j)$  denote the shortest-path weight from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ , then  $d_{ij} = \delta(i, j)$  at termination.

# Predecessor matrix

To solve the all-pairs shortest-paths problem on an input adjacency matrix, we need to compute not only the shortest-path weights but also a predecessor matrix  $\Pi$ , where  $\pi_{ij} = \text{NIL}$  if

either  $i = j$

or there is no path from  $i$  to  $j$ , and

otherwise  $\pi_{ij}$  is the predecessor of  $j$  on some shortest path from  $i$ .

Just as the predecessor subgraph  $G_\pi$  is a shortest-paths tree for a given source vertex, the subgraph induced by the  $i$ -th row of the  $\Pi$  matrix should be a shortest-paths tree with root  $i$ .

# Predecessor subgraph

For each vertex  $i \in V$ , we define the predecessor subgraph of  $G$  for  $i$  as

$$G_{\pi,i} = (V_{\pi,i}, E_{\pi,i}),$$

where

$$V_{\pi,i} = \{j \in V: \pi_{ij} \neq \text{NIL}\} \cup \{i\}$$

and

$$E_{\pi,i} = \{(\pi_{ij}, j): j \in V_{\pi,i} - \{i\}\}.$$

## Some conventions:

- 1) The input graph  $G = (V, E)$  has  $n$  vertices, so that  $n = |V|$ .
- 2) We shall use the convention of denoting matrices by uppercase letters, such as  $W$ ,  $L$ , or  $D$ , and their individual elements by subscripted lowercase letters, such as  $w_{ij}$ ,  $l_{ij}$ , or  $d_{ij}$ .
- 3) Some matrices will have parenthesized superscripts, as in  $L^{(m)} = l_{ij}^{(m)}$  or  $D^{(m)} = d_{ij}^{(m)}$ , to indicate iterates.
- 4) For a given  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , we shall assume that the value of  $n$  is stored in the attribute  $A.rows$ .



# Shortest paths and matrix multiplication

First, we consider a **dynamic-programming algorithm** for the all-pairs shortest-paths problem on a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ .

Each major loop of the dynamic program will invoke an operation that is very similar to **matrix multiplication**, so that the algorithm will look like repeated matrix multiplication.

We shall start by developing a  $\Theta(V^4)$ -time algorithm for the all-pairs shortest-paths problem and then improve its running time to  $(V^3 \lg V)$ .

# The structure of a shortest path

We start by characterizing the structure of an optimal solution.

For the single-source shortest-paths problem on a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , we have proven (Lemma 1 from previous Lecture) that all subpaths of a shortest path are shortest paths.

Suppose that we represent the graph by an adjacency matrix  $W = (w_{ij})$ .

Consider a shortest path  $p$  from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ , and suppose that  $p$  contains  $\leq m$  edges.

Assuming that there are no negative-weight cycles,  $m$  is finite.

If  $i = j$ , then  $p$  has weight 0 and no edges.

If vertices  $i$  and  $j$  are distinct, then we decompose path  $p$  into  $i \xrightarrow{p'} k \rightarrow j$ , where path  $p'$  now contains at most  $m-1$  edges.

By Lemma 1,  $p'$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$ , and so

$$\delta(i, j) = \delta(i, k) + w_{kj}.$$

## A recursive solution to the all-pairs shortest-paths problem

Now, let  $l_{ij}^{(m)}$  be the minimum weight of any path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  that contains  $\leq m$  edges.

When  $m = 0$ , there is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  with no edges  $\Leftrightarrow i = j$ .

Thus,

$$l_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j, \\ \infty & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

For  $m \geq 1$ , we compute  $l_{ij}^{(m)}$  as the minimum of  $l_{ij}^{(m-1)}$  (the weight of a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  consisting of at most  $m-1$  edges) and the minimum weight of any path from  $i$  to  $j$  consisting of at most  $m$  edges, obtained by looking at all possible predecessors  $k$  of  $j$ .

Thus, we recursively define

$$\begin{aligned} l_{ij}^{(m)} &= \min \left( l_{ij}^{(m-1)}, \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{ l_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w_{kj} \} \right) \\ &= \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{ l_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w_{kj} \} . \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The latter equality follows since  $w_{jj} = 0$  for all  $j$ .

If the graph contains no negative-weight cycles, then for every pair of vertices  $i$  and  $j$  for which  $\delta(i, j) < \infty$ , there is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  that is simple and thus contains at most  $n-1$  edges.

A path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  with  $> n-1$  edges cannot have lower weight than a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$ .

The actual shortest-path weights are therefore given by

$$\delta(i, j) = l_{ij}^{(n-1)} = l_{ij}^{(n)} = l_{ij}^{(n+1)} = \dots . \quad (3)$$

# Computing the shortest-path weights bottom up

Taking as our input the matrix  $W = (w_{ij})$ , we now compute a series of matrices

$L^{(1)}, L^{(2)}, \dots, L^{(n-1)}$ , where for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , we have  $L^{(m)} = (l_{ij}^{(m)})$ .

The final matrix  $L^{(n-1)}$  contains the actual shortest-path weights.

Observe that  $l_{ij}^{(1)} = w_{ij}$  for all vertices  $i, j \in V$ , and so  $L^{(1)} = W$ .

The heart of the algorithm is the following procedure, which, given matrices  $L^{(m-1)}$  and  $W$ , returns the matrix  $L^{(m)}$

That is, it extends the shortest paths computed so far by one more edge.

EXTEND-SHORTEST-PATHS( $L, W$ )

1  $n = L.rows$

2 let  $L' = (l'_{ij})$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix

3 **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n$

4     **for**  $j = 1$  **to**  $n$

5          $l'_{ij} = \infty$

6         **for**  $k = 1$  **to**  $n$

7              $l'_{ij} = \min(l'_{ij}, l_{ik} + w_{kj})$

8 return  $L'$

The procedure computes a matrix  $L' = (l'_{ij})$ , which it returns at the end. It does so by computing equation (2) for all  $i$  and  $j$ , using  $L$  for  $L^{(m-1)}$  and  $L'$  for  $L^{(m)}$ .

(It is written without the superscripts to make its input and output matrices independent of  $m$ .)

Its running time is  $\Theta(n^3)$  due to the 3 nested **for** loops.

Now we can see the relation to [matrix multiplication](#).

Suppose we wish to compute the matrix product  $C = A \cdot B$  of two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .

Then, for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we compute

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj} . \quad (4)$$



SQUARE-MATRIX-MULTIPLY( $A, B$ )

1  $n = A.rows$

2 let  $C$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix

3 **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n$

4     **for**  $j = 1$  **to**  $n$

5          $c_{ij} = 0$

6         **for**  $k = 1$  **to**  $n$

7              $c_{ij} = c_{ij} + a_{ik} \times b_{kj}$

8 **return**  $C$

Observe that if we make the substitutions

$l^{(m-1)} \rightarrow a$

$w \rightarrow b,$

$l^{(m)} \rightarrow c$

$\min \rightarrow +,$

$+ \rightarrow \cdot$

in equation (2), we obtain equation (4).

Thus, if we make these changes to EXTEND-SHORTEST-PATHS and also replace  $\infty$  (the identity for min) by 0 (the identity for +), we obtain the same  $\Theta(n^3)$ -time procedure for multiplying square matrices.

Returning to the all-pairs shortest-paths problem, we compute the shortest-path weights by extending shortest paths edge by edge.

Letting  $A \cdot B$  denote the matrix “product” returned by EXTEND-SHORTEST-PATHS( $A, B$ ), we compute the sequence of  $n - 1$  matrices

$$L^{(1)} = L^{(0)} \cdot W = W,$$

$$L^{(2)} = L^{(1)} \cdot W = W^2$$

$$L^{(3)} = L^{(2)} \cdot W = W^3 ;$$

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$$L^{(n-1)} = L^{(n-2)} \cdot W = W^{n-1} ;$$

The matrix  $L^{(n-1)} = W^{n-1}$  contains the shortest-path weights.

The following procedure computes this sequence in  $\Theta(n^4)$  time.

SLOW-ALL-PAIRS-SHORTEST-PATHS( $W$ )

1  $n = W.\text{rows}$

2  $L^{(1)} = W$

3 **for**  $m = 2$  **to**  $n - 1$

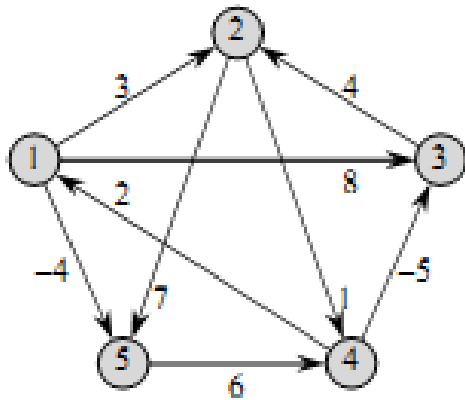
4     let  $L^{(m)}$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix

5      $L^{(m)} = \text{EXTEND-SHORTEST-PATHS}(L^{(m-1)}, W)$

6 **return**  $L^{(n-1)}$

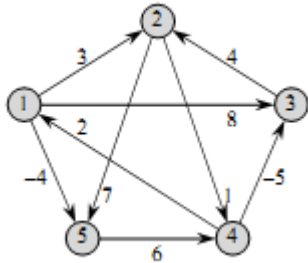
Slides 21-24 show a graph and the matrices  $L^{(m)}$  computed by the procedure SLOW-ALL-PAIRS-SHORTEST-PATHS.

$$L^{(1)} = L^{(0)} \cdot W = W$$



$$L^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L^{(2)} = L^{(1)}. \quad W = W^2$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$l_{11}^{(2)} = \min(0+0, 3+\infty, 8+\infty, \infty+2, -4+\infty) = 0$$

$$l_{12}^{(2)} = \min(0+3, 3+0, 8+4, \infty+\infty, -4+\infty) = 3$$

$$l_{13}^{(2)} = \min(0+8, 3+\infty, 8+0, \infty-5, -4+\infty) = 8$$

$$l_{14}^{(2)} = \min(0+2, 3+1, 8+5, \infty+0, -4+6) = 2$$

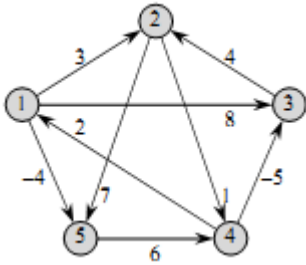
$$l_{15}^{(2)} = \min(0-4, 3+7, 8+11, \infty-2, -4+0) = -4$$

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$$L^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & \infty & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L^{(3)} = L^{(2)} \cdot W = W^3$$



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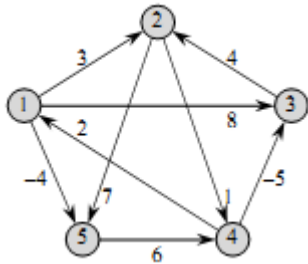
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$$L^{(4)} = L^{(3)} \cdot W = W^4$$



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$$L^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Improving the running time

Our goal, however, is not to compute *all* the  $L^{(m)}$  matrices: we are interested only in matrix  $L^{(n-1)}$ .

Recall that in the absence of negative-weight cycles, equation (3) implies  $L^{(m)} = L^{(n-1)}$  for all integers  $m \geq n - 1$ .

Just as traditional matrix multiplication is associative, so is matrix multiplication defined by the EXTEND-SHORTEST-PATHS procedure.

Therefore, we can compute  $L^{(n-1)}$  with only  $\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil$  matrix products by computing the sequence

$$L^{(1)} = W;$$

$$L^{(2)} = W^2 = W \cdot W;$$

$$L^{(4)} = W^4 = W^2 \cdot W^2;$$

$$L^{(8)} = W^8 = W^4 \cdot W^4 ;$$

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$$L^{(2^{\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil})} = W^{2^{\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil}} = W^{2^{\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil - 1}} \cdot W^{2^{\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil - 1}}.$$

Since  $2^{\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil} \geq n-1$ , the final product  $L^{(2^{\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil})}$  is equal to  $L^{(n-1)}$ .

The following procedure computes the above sequence of matrices by using this technique of **repeated squaring**

FASTER-ALL-PAIRS-SHORTEST-PATHS( $W$ )

1  $n = W.rows$

2  $L^{(1)} = W$

3  $m = 1$

4 **while**  $m < n - 1$

5     let  $L^{(2m)}$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix

6      $L^{(2m)} = \text{EXTEND-SHORTEST-PATHS}(L^{(m)}, L^{(m)})$

7      $m = 2m$

8 **return**  $L^{(m)}$

In each iteration of the **while** loop of lines 4–7, we compute  $L^{(2m)} = (L^{(m)})^2$ , starting with  $m = 1$ .

At the end of each iteration, we double the value of  $m$ .

The final iteration computes  $L^{(n-1)}$  by actually computing  $L^{(2m)}$  for some  $n-1 \leq 2m < 2n-2$ .

By equation (3),  $L^{(2m)} = L^{(n-1)}$ .

The next time the test in line 4 is performed,  $m$  has been doubled, so now  $m \geq n-1$ , the test fails, and the procedure returns the last matrix it computed.

Because each of the  $\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil$  matrix products takes  $\Theta(n^3)$  time,

FASTER-ALL-PAIRS-SHORTEST-PATHS runs in  $\Theta(n^3 \lg n)$  time.

Observe that the code is tight, containing no elaborate data structures, and the constant hidden in the  $\Theta$ -notation is therefore small.

# The Floyd-Warshall algorithm

Next, we shall use a **different dynamic-programming formulation** to solve the all-pairs shortest-paths problem on a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ .

The resulting algorithm, known as the **Floyd-Warshall** algorithm, runs in  $\Theta(V^3)$  time.

As before, **negative-weight edges may be present**, but we assume that there **are no negative-weight cycles**.

We follow the dynamic-programming process to develop the algorithm.

# The structure of a shortest path

The Floyd-Warshall algorithm considers the **intermediate** vertices of a shortest path, where an **intermediate** vertex of a simple path  $p = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_l \rangle$  is any vertex of  $p$  **other than**  $v_1$  or  $v_l$ , that is, any vertex in the set  $\{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{l-1}\}$ .

The Floyd-Warshall algorithm relies on the following observation.

Under our assumption that the vertices of  $G$  are  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , let us consider a subset  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  of vertices for some  $k$ .

For any pair of vertices  $i, j \in V$ , consider all paths from  $i$  to  $j$  whose intermediate vertices are all drawn from  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , and let  $p$  be a minimum-weight path from among them. (Path  $p$  is simple.)

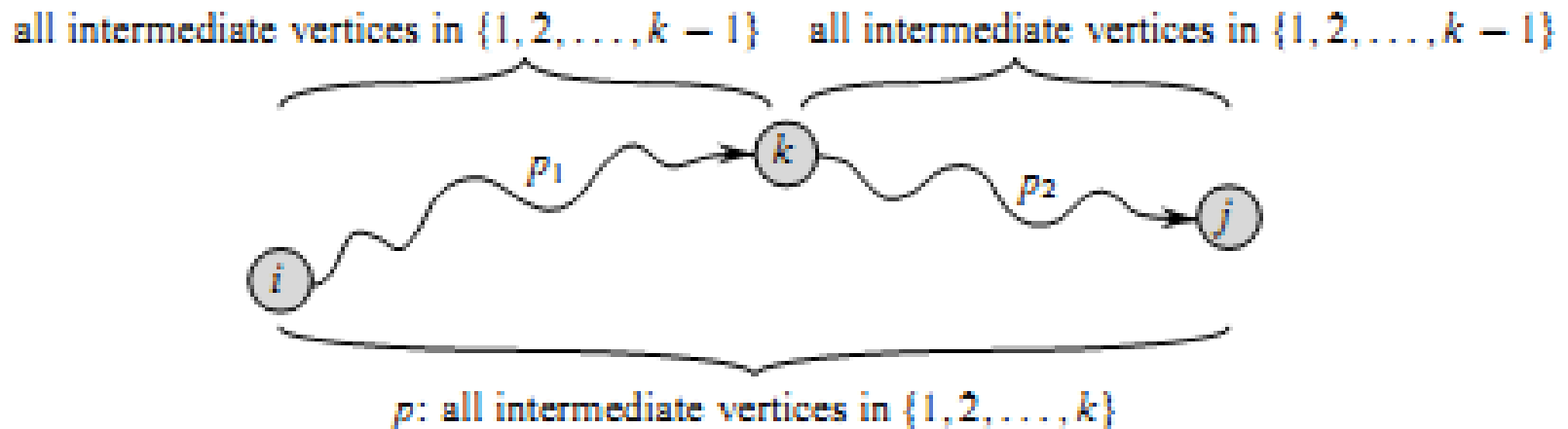
The Floyd-Warshall algorithm exploits a relationship between path  $p$  and shortest paths from  $i$  to  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

The relationship depends on whether or not  $k$  is an intermediate vertex of path  $p$ .

If  $k$  is not an intermediate vertex of path  $p$ , then all intermediate vertices of path  $p$  are in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$ .

Thus, a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$  is also a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

If  $k$  is an intermediate vertex of path  $p$ , then we decompose  $p$  into  $i^{(p1)} \rightsquigarrow k^{(p2)} \rightsquigarrow j$  as next slide demonstrates .



Path  $p$  is a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ , and  $k$  is the highest-numbered intermediate vertex of  $p$ .

Path  $p_1$ , the portion of path  $p$  from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $k$ , has all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

The same holds for path  $p_2$  from vertex  $k$  to vertex  $j$ .



By [Lemma 1 from previous Lecture](#),  $p_1$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

In fact, we can make a slightly stronger statement.

Because vertex  $k$  is not an intermediate vertex of path  $p_1$ , all intermediate vertices of  $p_1$  are in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

Therefore,  $p_1$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$  with all intermediate vertices in the set

$\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

Similarly,  $p_2$  is a shortest path from vertex  $k$  to vertex  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

# A recursive solution to the all-pairs shortest-paths problem

Based on the above observations, we define one more recursive formulation of shortest-path estimates.

Let  $d_{ij}^{(k)}$  be the weight of a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  for which all intermediate vertices are in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

When  $k = 0$ , a path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  with no intermediate vertex numbered higher than 0 has no intermediate vertices at all.

Such a path has at most one edge, and hence  $d_{ij}^{(0)} = w_{ij}$ .

Following the above discussion, we define  $d_{ij}^{(k)}$  recursively by

$$d_{ij}^{(k)} = \begin{cases} w_{ij} & \text{if } k = 0, \\ \min(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)}) & \text{if } k \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Because for any path, all intermediate vertices are in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , the matrix  $D^{(n)} = d_{ij}^{(n)}$  gives the final answer:

$$d_{ij}^{(n)} = \delta(i, j) \text{ for all } i, j \in V.$$

# Computing the shortest-path weights bottom up

Based on recurrence (5), we can use the following bottom-up procedure to compute the values  $d_{ij}^{(k)}$  in order of increasing values of  $k$ .

**Input:** an  $n \times n$  matrix  $W$  defined as in equation (1).

**Output:** the matrix  $D^{(n)}$  of shortest-path weights.

FLOYD-WARSHALL( $W$ )

1  $n = W.rows$

2  $D^{(0)} = W$

3 **for**  $k = 1$  **to**  $n$

4     let  $D^{(k)} = d_{ij}^{(k)}$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix

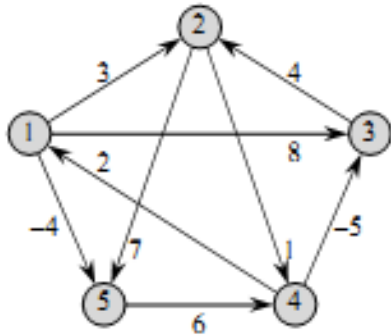
5     **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n$

6         **for**  $j = 1$  **to**  $n$

7      $d_{ij}^{(k)} = \min (d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)})$

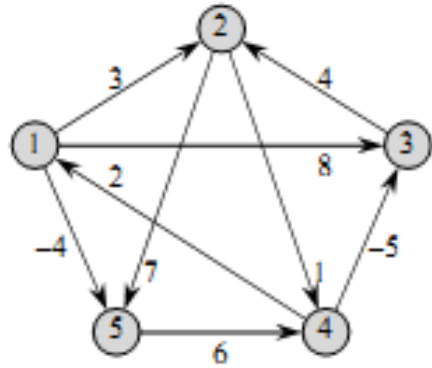
8 **return**  $D^{(n)}$

The sequence of matrices  $D^{(k)}$  computed by the Floyd-Warshall algorithm for the graph shown below.



$$D^{(0)} = W$$

$$D^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Intermediate vertices = {1}

All the nodes to enter node 1 are shown in column 1.

All the nodes to leave node 1 are shown in row 1.

$$d_{41}^{(1)} = \min(d_{41}^{(0)} + d_{11}^{(0)}, d_{41}^{(0)}) = \min(0+2, 2) = 2$$

$$d_{42}^{(1)} = \min(d_{41}^{(0)} + d_{12}^{(0)}, d_{42}^{(0)}) = \min(3+2, \infty) \Rightarrow d_{42} = 5, \pi_{42} = 1$$

$$d_{43}^{(1)} = \min(d_{41}^{(0)} + d_{13}^{(0)}, d_{43}^{(0)}) = \min(8+2, -5) = -5$$

$$d_{44}^{(1)} = \min(d_{41}^{(0)} + d_{14}^{(0)}, d_{44}^{(0)}) = \min(\infty+2, 0) = 0$$

$$d_{45}^{(1)} = \min(d_{41}^{(0)} + d_{15}^{(0)}, d_{45}^{(0)}) = \min(-4+2, \infty) \Rightarrow d_{45} = -2, \pi_{45} = 1$$

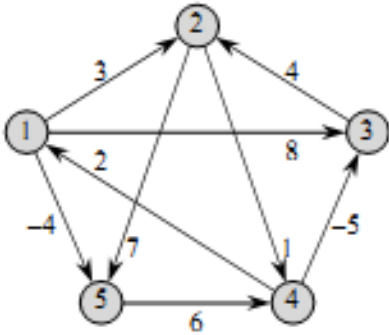
$$D^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Intermediate vertices = {1, 2}

All the nodes to enter node 2 are shown in column 2.

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$$d_{14}^{(2)} = d_{12}^{(1)} + d_{24}^{(1)} = 1 + 3 = 4,$$

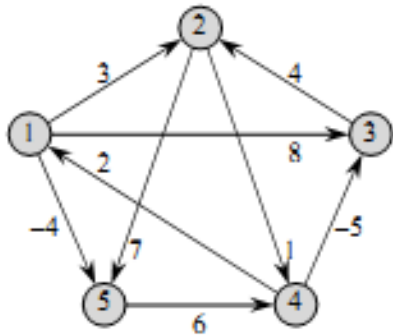
$$d_{34}^{(2)} = d_{32}^{(1)} + d_{24}^{(1)} = 1 + 4 = 5,$$

$$d_{35}^{(2)} = d_{32}^{(1)} + d_{25}^{(1)} = 4 + 7 = 11.$$

$$D^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 4 & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



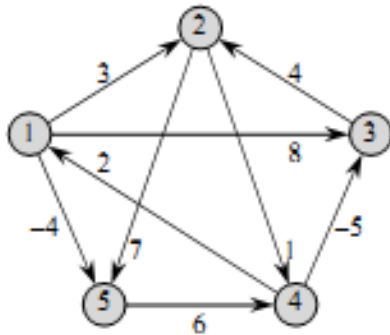


Intermediate vertices = {1, 2, 3}

$$d_{42}^{(3)} = d_{43}^{(2)} + d_{32}^{(2)} = 4 - 5 = -1.$$

$$D^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 4 & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 4 & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Intermediate vertices = {1, 2, 3, 4}

$$d_{13}^{(4)} = d_{43}^{(3)} d_{43}^{(3)} = 4 - 5 = -1,$$

$$d_{21}^{(4)} = d_{24}^{(3)} + d_{41}^{(3)} = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$d_{23}^{(4)} = d_{24}^{(3)} + d_{43}^{(3)} = 1 - 5 = -4,$$

$$d_{25}^{(4)} = d_{24}^{(3)} + d_{45}^{(3)} = 1 - 2 = -1,$$

$$d_{31}^{(4)} = d_{34}^{(3)} + d_{41}^{(3)} = 5 + 2 = 7,$$

$$d_{35}^{(4)} = d_{34}^{(3)} + d_{45}^{(3)} = 5 - 2 = 3,$$

$$d_{51}^{(4)} = d_{54}^{(3)} + d_{41}^{(3)} = 6 + 2 = 8$$

$$d_{52}^{(4)} = d_{54}^{(3)} + d_{42}^{(3)} = 6 - 1 = 5$$

$$d_{53}^{(4)} = d_{54}^{(3)} + d_{43}^{(3)} = 6 - 5 = 1$$

$$D^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 4 & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

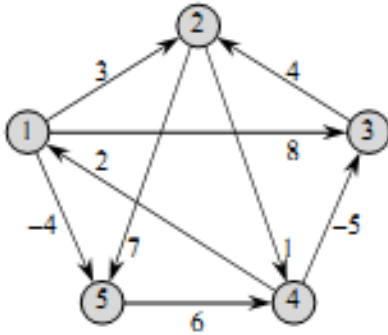
$$D^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 & 4 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Intermediate vertices = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}

$$d_{12}^{(5)} = d_{15}^{(4)} + d_{52}^{(4)} = -4 + 5 = 1,$$

$$d_{13}^{(5)} = d_{15}^{(4)} + d_{53}^{(4)} = -4 + 1 = -3$$

$$d_{14}^{(5)} = d_{15}^{(4)} + d_{54}^{(4)} = -4 + 6 = 2.$$



$$D^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 & 4 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(5)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The running time of the Floyd-Warshall algorithm is determined by the triply nested for loops of lines 3–7. Because each execution of line 7 takes  $O(1)$  time, the algorithm runs in time  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

The code is tight, with no elaborate data structures, and so the constant hidden in the  $\Theta$ -notation is small.

Thus, the Floyd-Warshall algorithm is quite practical for even moderate-sized input graphs.

## Constructing a shortest path

There are a variety of different methods for constructing shortest paths in the Floyd-Warshall algorithm.

One way is to compute the matrix  $D$  of shortest-path weights and then construct the predecessor matrix  $\Pi$  from the  $D$  matrix.

Alternatively, we can compute the predecessor matrix  $\Pi$  while the algorithm computes the matrices  $D^{(k)}$

Specifically, we compute a sequence of matrices  $\Pi^{(0)}, \Pi^{(1)}, \Pi^{(n)}$ , where  $\Pi = \Pi^{(n)}$  and we define  $\pi_{ij}^{(k)}$  as the predecessor of vertex  $j$  on a shortest path from vertex  $i$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

We can give a recursive formulation of  $\pi_{ij}^{(k)}$ .

When  $k = 0$ , a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  has no intermediate vertices at all.

Thus,

$$\pi_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} \text{NIL} & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } w_{ij} = \infty, \\ i & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } w_{ij} < \infty. \end{cases}$$

For  $k \geq 1$ , if we take the path  $i \rightsquigarrow k \rightsquigarrow j$ , where  $k \neq j$ , then the predecessor of  $j$  we choose is the same as the predecessor of  $j$  we chose on a shortest path from  $k$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

Otherwise, we choose the same predecessor of  $j$  that we chose on a shortest path from  $i$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

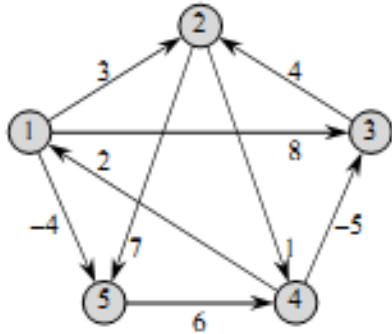
Formally, for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\pi_{ij}^{(k)} = \begin{cases} \pi_{ij}^{(k-1)} & \text{if } d_{ij}^{(k-1)} \leq d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)}, \\ \pi_{kj}^{(k-1)} & \text{if } d_{ij}^{(k-1)} > d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)}. \end{cases}$$

Slides 49 - 54 show the sequence of  $\Pi^{(k)}$  matrices that the resulting algorithm computes for the graph of slides 38-43.

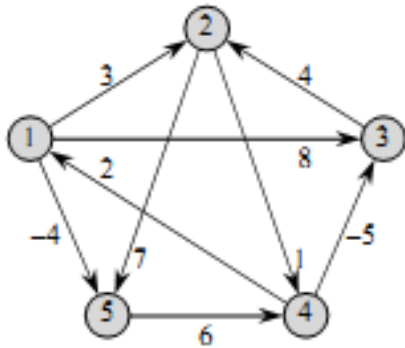


The sequence of matrices  $D^{(k)}$  and  $\Pi^{(k)}$  computed by the Floyd-Warshall algorithm for the graph shown below.



$$D^{(0)} = W$$

$$D^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Pi^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} \\ 4 & \text{NIL} & 4 & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$d_{42}^{(1)} = d_{41}^{(0)} + d_{12}^{(0)} \Rightarrow \pi_{42}^{(1)} = \pi_{12}^{(0)} = 1$$

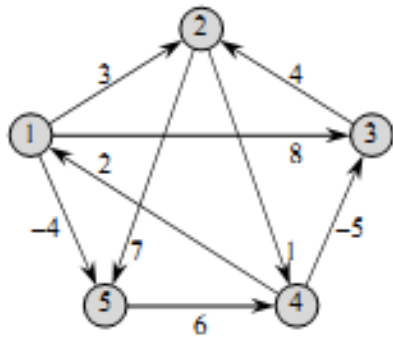
$$d_{45}^{(1)} = (d_{41}^{(0)} + d_{15}^{(0)}) \Rightarrow \pi_{45}^{(1)} = \pi_{15}^{(0)} = 1$$

$$D^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & \textcircled{1} & 1 & \text{NIL} & \textcircled{1} \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} \\ 4 & \text{NIL} & 4 & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \textcircled{5} & -5 & 0 & \textcircled{-2} \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} \\ 4 & \textcircled{1} & 4 & \text{NIL} & \textcircled{1} \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$d_{14}^{(2)} = d_{12}^{(1)} + d_{24}^{(1)} \Rightarrow \pi_{14}^{(2)} = \pi_{24}^{(1)} = 2$$

$$d_{34}^{(2)} = d_{32}^{(1)} + d_{24}^{(1)} \Rightarrow \pi_{34}^{(2)} = \pi_{24}^{(1)} = 2$$

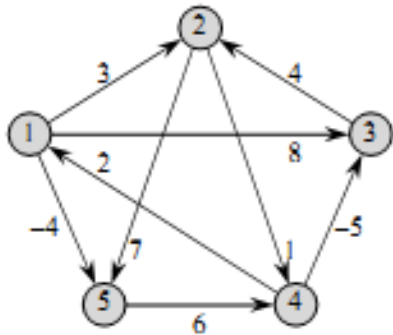
$$d_{35}^{(2)} = d_{32}^{(1)} + d_{25}^{(1)} \Rightarrow \pi_{42}^{(1)} = \pi_{12}^{(0)} = 2$$

$$D^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} \\ 4 & 1 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 4 & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$



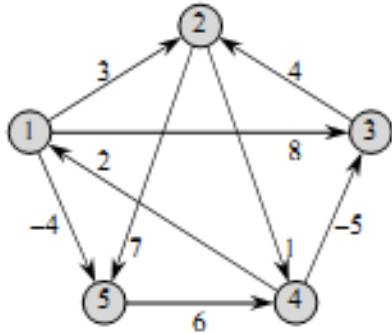
$$d_{42}^{(3)} = d_{43}^{(2)} + d_{32}^{(2)} \Rightarrow \pi_{42}^{(3)} = \pi_{32}^{(2)} = 3$$

$$D^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 4 & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 4 & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{13}^{(4)} &= d_{43}^{(3)} + d_{43}^{(3)} \Rightarrow \pi_{13}^{(4)} = \pi_{43}^{(3)} = 4 \\
 d_{21}^{(4)} &= d_{24}^{(3)} + d_{41}^{(3)} \Rightarrow \pi_{21}^{(4)} = \pi_{41}^{(3)} = 4 \\
 d_{23}^{(4)} &= d_{24}^{(3)} + d_{43}^{(3)} \Rightarrow \pi_{23}^{(4)} = \pi_{43}^{(3)} = 4 \\
 d_{25}^{(4)} &= d_{24}^{(3)} + d_{45}^{(3)} \Rightarrow \pi_{25}^{(4)} = \pi_{45}^{(3)} = 1 \\
 d_{31}^{(4)} &= d_{34}^{(3)} + d_{41}^{(3)} \Rightarrow \pi_{31}^{(4)} = \pi_{41}^{(3)} = 4 \\
 d_{35}^{(4)} &= d_{34}^{(3)} + d_{45}^{(3)} \Rightarrow \pi_{35}^{(4)} = \pi_{45}^{(3)} = 1 \\
 d_{51}^{(4)} &= d_{54}^{(3)} + d_{41}^{(3)} \Rightarrow \pi_{51}^{(4)} = \pi_{41}^{(3)} = 4 \\
 d_{52}^{(4)} &= d_{54}^{(3)} + d_{42}^{(3)} \Rightarrow \pi_{52}^{(4)} = \pi_{42}^{(3)} = 3 \\
 d_{53}^{(4)} &= d_{54}^{(3)} + d_{43}^{(3)} \Rightarrow \pi_{53}^{(4)} = \pi_{43}^{(3)} = 4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$D^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 4 & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 & 4 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

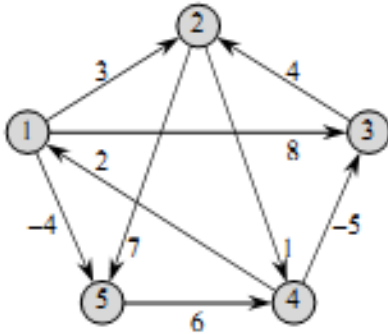
$$\Pi^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & \text{NIL} & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

Intermediate vertices = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}

$$d_{12}^{(5)} = d_{15}^{(4)} + d_{52}^{(4)} \Rightarrow \pi_{12}^{(5)} = \pi_{52}^{(4)} = 3$$

$$d_{13}^{(5)} = d_{15}^{(4)} + d_{53}^{(4)} \Rightarrow \pi_{13}^{(5)} = \pi_{53}^{(4)} = 4$$

$$d_{14}^{(5)} = d_{15}^{(4)} + d_{54}^{(4)} \Rightarrow \pi_{14}^{(5)} = \pi_{54}^{(4)} = 5$$



$$D^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 & 4 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & \text{NIL} & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(5)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi^{(5)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & \text{NIL} & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Johnson's algorithm for sparse graphs

Johnson's algorithm finds shortest paths between all pairs in  $O(V^2 \lg V + VE)$  time.

For sparse graphs, it is asymptotically faster than either repeated squaring of matrices or the Floyd-Warshall algorithm.

The algorithm either returns a matrix of shortest-path weights for all pairs of vertices or reports that the input graph contains a negative-weight cycle.

Johnson's algorithm uses as subroutines both **Dijkstra's** algorithm and the **Bellman-Ford** algorithm.

Johnson's algorithm uses the technique of **reweighting**, which works as follows.

If all edge weights  $w$  in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  are **nonnegative**, we can find shortest paths between all pairs of vertices by running **Dijkstra's** algorithm once from each vertex.

If  $G$  **has negative-weight edges** but no negative-weight cycles, we simply compute a **new set of nonnegative edge weights** that allows us to use the same method.



The new set of edge weights  $w'$  must satisfy 2 important properties:

1. For all pairs of vertices  $u, v \in V$ , a path  $p$  is a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  using weight function  $w \Leftrightarrow p$  is also a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  using weight function  $w'$ .
2. For all edges  $(u, v)$ , the new weight  $w'(u, v)$  is nonnegative.

We can preprocess  $G$  to determine the new weight function  $w'$  in  $O(VE)$  time.

# Preserving shortest paths by reweighting

The following lemma shows how easily we can reweight the edges to satisfy the first property above.

We use  $\delta$  to denote shortest-path weights derived from weight function  $w$  and  $\delta'$  to denote shortest-path weights derived from weight function  $w'$ .

**Lemma 1** (Reweighting does not change shortest paths)

Given a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with weight function  $w: E \rightarrow R$ ,

let  $h: V \rightarrow R$  be any function mapping vertices to real numbers.

For each edge  $(u, v) \in E$ , define

$$w'(u, v) = w(u, v) + h(u) - h(v) \quad (9)$$

Let  $p = \langle 0, 1, \dots, k \rangle$  be any path from vertex 0 to vertex  $k$ .

Then  $p$  is a shortest path from 0 to  $k$  with weight function  $w \Leftrightarrow$  it is a shortest path with weight function  $w'$ .

That is,

$$w(p) = \delta(0, k) \Leftrightarrow w'(p) = \delta(0, k).$$

Furthermore,  $G$  has a negative-weight cycle using weight function  $w \Leftrightarrow G$  has a negative-weight cycle using weight function  $w'$ .

**Proof** We start by showing that

$$w'(p) = w(p) + h(v_0) - h(v_k) \quad (10)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{w}(p) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \hat{w}(v_{i-1}, v_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k (w(v_{i-1}, v_i) + h(v_{i-1}) - h(v_i)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i) + h(v_0) - h(v_k) \quad (\text{because the sum telescopes}) \\ &= w(p) + h(v_0) - h(v_k) . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, any path  $p$  from  $v_0$  to  $v_k$  has

$$w'(p) = w(p) + h(v_0) - h(v_k).$$

Because  $h(v_0)$  and  $h(v_k)$  do not depend on the path, if one path from  $v_0$  to  $v_k$  is shorter than another using weight function  $w$ , then it is also shorter using  $w'$ .

Thus,  $w(p) = \delta(v_0, v_k) \Leftrightarrow w'(p) = \delta(v_0, v_k)$ .

Finally, we show that  $G$  has a **negative-weight cycle** using weight function  $w \Leftrightarrow G$  has a negative-weight cycle using weight function  $w'$ .

Consider any cycle  $c = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$ , where  $v_0 = v_k$ .

By equation (10),

$$w'(c) = w(c) + h(v_0) - h(v_k) = w(c) ;$$

and thus  $c$  has negative weight using  $w \Leftrightarrow$  it has negative weight using  $w'$ .

# Producing nonnegative weights by reweighting

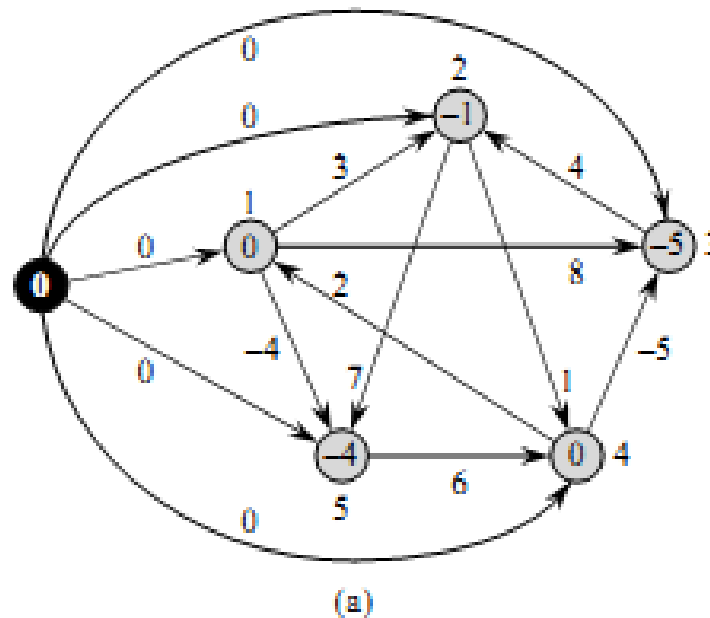
Our next goal is to ensure that the second property holds: we want  $w'(u, v)$  to be nonnegative for all edges  $(u, v) \in E$ .

Given a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with weight function  $w : E \rightarrow R$ , we make a new graph  $G' = (V', E')$ , where  $V' = V \cup \{s\}$  for some new vertex  $s \in V$  and  $E' = E \cup \{(s, v) : v \in V\}$ .

We extend the weight function  $w$  so that  $w(s, v) = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ .

Note that because  $s$  has no edges that enter it, no shortest paths in  $G'$ , other than those with source  $s$ , contain  $s$ .

Moreover,  $G'$  has no negative-weight cycles  $\Leftrightarrow G$  has no negative-weight cycles.

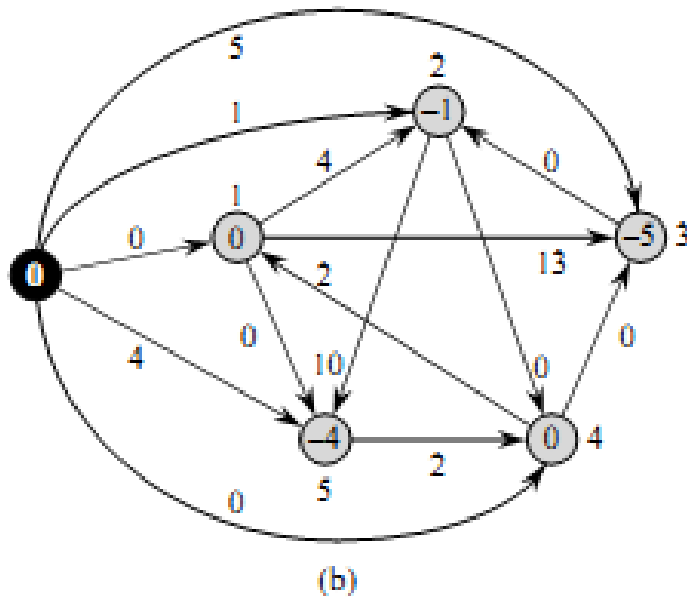


Now suppose that  $G$  and  $G'$  have no negative-weight cycles.

Let us define  $h(v) = \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V'$ .

By the triangle inequality (Lemma 24.10), we have  $h(v) \leq h(u) + w(u, v)$  for all edges  $(u, v) \in E'$ .

Thus, if we define the new weights  $w'$  by reweighting according to equation (9), we have  $w'(u, v) = w(u, v) + h(u) - h(v) \geq 0$ , and we have satisfied the second property.



$$w'(s, 1) = 0 + 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$w'(s, 2) = 0 + 0 - (-1) = 1$$

$$w'(s, 3) = 0 + 0 - (-5) = 5$$

$$w'(s, 4) = 0 + 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$w'(s, 5) = 0 + 0 - (-4) = 4$$

$$w'(1, 2) = 3 + 0 - (-1) = 4$$

$$w'(1, 3) = 8 + 0 - (-5) = 13$$

$$w'(1, 5) = -4 + 0 - (-4) = 0$$

$$w'(2, 4) = 1 + (-1) - 0 = 0$$

$$w'(2, 5) = 7 + (-1) - (-4) = 10$$

$$w'(3, 2) = 4 + (-5) - (-1) = 0$$

$$w'(4, 3) = -5 + 0 - (-5) = 0$$

$$w'((4, 1) : 2 + 0 - 0 = 2$$

$$w'((5, 4) : 6 - 4 + 0 = 2$$



## Computing all-pairs shortest paths

Johnson's algorithm to compute all-pairs shortest paths uses the Bellman-Ford algorithm and Dijkstra's algorithm as subroutines.

It assumes implicitly that the edges are stored in *adjacency lists*.

The algorithm returns the usual  $|V| \times |V|$  matrix  $D = d_{ij}$ , where  $d_{ij} = \delta(i, j)$ , or it reports that the input graph contains a negative-weight cycle.

As is typical for an all-pairs shortest-paths algorithm, we assume that the vertices are numbered from 1 to  $|V|$ .

JOHNSON( $G, w$ )

1 compute  $G'$ , where  $G'.V = G.V \cup \{s\}$ ,

$G'.E = G.E \cup \{(s, v) : v \in G.V\}$ ,

and  $w(s, v) = 0$  for all  $v \in G.V$

2 **if** BELLMAN-FORD( $G', w, s$ ) == FALSE

3     print “the input graph contains a negative-weight cycle”

4 **else for** each vertex  $v \in G'.V$

5     set  $h(v)$  to the value of  $\delta(s, v)$  computed by the Bellman-Ford algorithm

6     **for** each edge  $(u, v) \in G'.E$

7          $w'(u, v) = w(u, v) + h(u) - h(v)$

8     let  $D = (d_{uv})$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix

9     **for** each vertex  $u \in G.V$

10         run DIJKSTRA( $G, w', u$ ) to compute  $\delta'(u, v)$  for all  $v \in G.V$

11     **for** each vertex  $v \in G.V$

12          $d_{uv} = \delta'(u, v) + h(v) - h(u)$

13 **return**  $D$

This code simply performs the actions we specified earlier.

Line 1 produces  $G'$ .

Line 2 runs the Bellman-Ford algorithm on  $G'$  with weight function  $w$  and source vertex  $s$ .

If  $G'$ , and hence  $G$ , contains a negative-weight cycle, line 3 reports the problem.

Lines 4–12 assume that  $G'$  contains no negative-weight cycles.

Lines 4–5 set  $h(v)$  to the shortest-path weight  $(s, v)$  computed by the Bellman-Ford algorithm for all  $v \in V'$ .

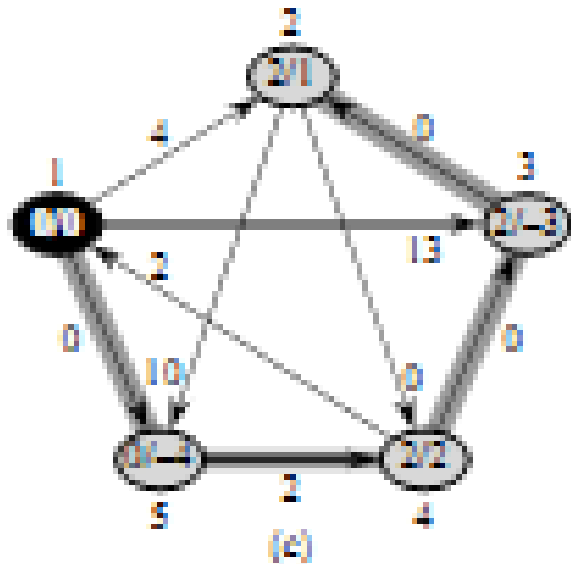
Lines 6–7 compute the new weights  $w'$ .

For each pair of vertices  $u, v \in V$ , the **for** loop of lines 9–12 computes the shortest-path weight  $\delta(u, v)$  by calling Dijkstra's algorithm once from each vertex in  $V$ .

Line 12 stores in matrix entry  $d_{uv}$  the correct shortest-path weight  $\delta(u, v)$ , calculated using equation(10).

Finally, line 13 returns the completed  $D$  matrix.

Slide 69 depicts the execution of Johnson's algorithm.



$$\delta(u, v) = \delta'(u, v) + h(v) - h(u)$$

$$\delta(1, 1) = 0 + 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$\delta(1, 2) = 2 + (-1) - 0 = 1$$

$$\delta(1, 3) = 2 + (-5) - 0 = -3$$

$$\delta(1, 4) = 2 + 0 - 0 = 2$$

$$\delta(1, 5) = 0 + (-4) - 0 = -4$$

The result of running Dijkstra's algorithm on each vertex of  $G$  using weight function  $w'$ .

