

Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algo

Version 1:

Uses: visitation table - can be local to function
distance table - table entries each contain vertex key, cumulative distance, path
distance table is returned to caller

void shortestpath (graph, vertex, distance table)

build visitation table for all vertices in graph
initialize all visitation table entries to not visited
position at starting vertex
create entry in distance table for starting vertex
 vertex key
 distance from start (0)
mark starting vertex as visited

for each neighbor, create entry in distance chart:
 vertex key
 distance from start
 key of starting vertex (path to this neighbor)

while (there are unvisited vertexes)
 find distance table entry with lowest distance for an unvisited vertex
 call that the current vertex
 mark current vertex as visited
 position at first neighbor
 while (more neighbors to do)
 if table entry does not exist for that neighbor
 create entry in distance table: 1-key, 2-distance from start – this is the distance from
 the current vertex chart entry plus the distance to this neighbor, 3-path - this is the key
 of the neighbor
 else
 if distance to this neighbor along this path < distance in table
 replace old distance with this one
 replace old path with this one
 endif
 position at next neighbor
end while
end while

return to caller: distance table. Entries now contain:
 distance to that vertex from start
 path back to start

Version 2: Malik p 705:

uses: weight table - 2D table of vertices and edges. This is an adjacency matrix. Each cell holds an edge weight. No edge indicated by a weight of 0.

weight found table - visitation table. Indexed using vertex key.

smallest weight table - distance table. Indexed using vertex key. Returned to caller.

"infinity" - a really large number, a number so large that it will never occur naturally during processing (DBL_MAX)

void shortestpath (vertex)

for (j iterates from first to last vertex)

 smallest weight [j] = weight [vertex] [j]

end for

initialize weight found table to all false

mark weight found [vertex] = true

set smallest weight [vertex] = 0

for (i iterates from first to last vertex)

 min weight = infinity

 for (j iterates from first to last vertex)

find distance table entry with lowest distance

 if (vertex not visited)

 if (smallest weight [j] < min weight)

 v = j

 min weight = smallest weight [v]

 endif

 endif

 end for

 weight found [v] = true

lowest distance is the vth entry

for (j iterates from first to last vertex)

go thru distance table

 if (vertex not visited)

 if (min weight + weight [v] [j] < smallest weight [j])

a new shorter distance?

 smallest weight [j] = min weight + weight [v] [j]

yes, update

 endif

else do nothing

 endif

end for

end for