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How to I Code Dijkstra's algorithm



To effectively implement Dijkstra's algorithm, here's a step-by-step guide:

1. Problem Understanding

- **Objective:** Find the shortest path from a starting vertex to all other vertices in a graph.
- **Constraints:** Graph may not be fully connected (no cycles), and edge weights may be positive, negative, or zero.
- **Edge Cases:** Multiple edges, empty edges (no outgoing edges), unreachable vertices.

2. Key Concepts

- **Adjacency List:** Represents each vertex with a list of tuples containing the connected vertex and edge weight.
- **Priority Queue:** Heaps implemented via heapq in Python to manage the selection of next vertices.
- **Distance Table:** Tracks the shortest distance from the start vertex to each vertex.
- **Previous Vertex Tracking:** Helps reconstruct the path once the end vertex is found.

3. Algorithm Design

1. Initialization

- Read input graph and target vertex.
- Initialize distance table with infinity for all vertices except start vertex.
- Set start vertex distance to zero.

2. Priority Queue Setup

- Push the start vertex into the priority queue.
- Mark it as visited.

3. Main Loop

- Extract vertex with smallest distance from priority queue.
- If extracted vertex is target, break.
- For each neighbor:
 - Calculate new distance.
 - Update if shorter.
 - Push neighbor into priority queue.

4. Termination

- Return shortest path details.

4. Implementation Steps

1. Data Structures

- Use heapq for priority queue.
- Adjacency list for graph representation.

2. Reading Input

- Parse edges into adjacency list format.
- Determine target vertex.

3. Algorithm Execution

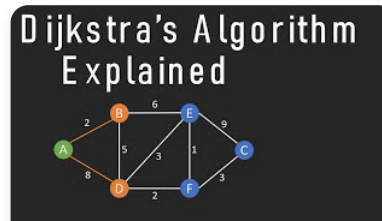
- Track distances and predecessors.
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Recommended Videos

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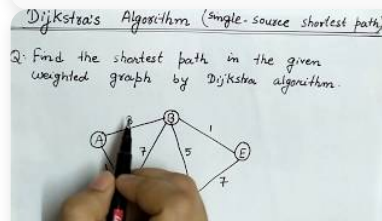
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