

# Floyd-Warshall

## 1. Definition:

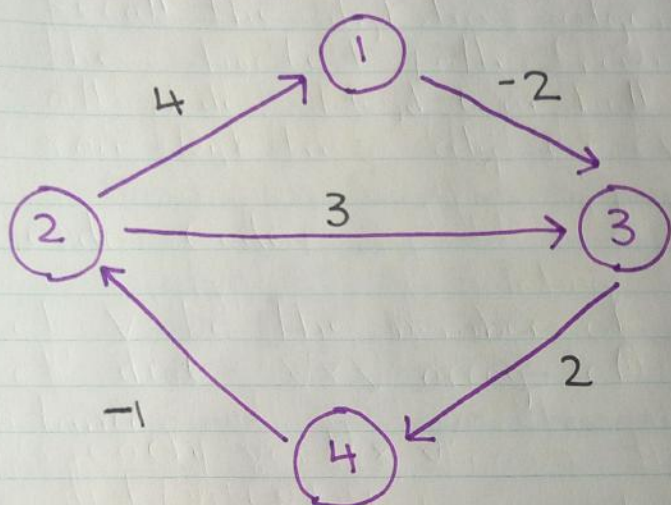
- Used to compute the shortest path between all pairs of vertices.
- Recall the Dijkstra's algorithm calculated the shortest path from one node to all nodes. Floyd-Warshall is like if you ran Dijkstra's alg on every node.

## 2. Pseudo-Code:

Let  $V$  be the number of vertices.  
Let  $\text{dist} = V \times V$  array of minimum distances.  
For each vertex  $v$ :  
     $\text{dist}[v][v] = 0$   
For each edge  $(u, v)$ :  
    if there is a direct path from  $u$  to  $v$ :  
         $\text{dist}[u][v] = \text{weight}(u, v)$   
    else:  
         $\text{dist}[u][v] = \text{infinity}$   
For  $k$  from 1 to  $V$ :  
    For  $i$  from 1 to  $V$ :  
        For  $j$  from 1 to  $V$ :  
            if  $\text{dist}[i][j] > \text{dist}[i][k] + \text{dist}[k][j]$ :  
                 $\text{dist}[i][j] = \text{dist}[i][k] + \text{dist}[k][j]$

### 3. Example:

Consider the graph below. Use F-W to get the shortest path between all pairs of vertices.



Soln:

- Construct the  $V \times V$  array. Here, since we have 4 nodes,  $V=4$ . Furthermore, we fill all the  $[i][i]$  elements as 0 and if there is no direct path from node  $u$  to node  $v$ ,  $[u][v]$  is set to infinity.

	1	2	3	4
1	0	$\infty$	-2	$\infty$
2	4	0	3	$\infty$
3	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	2
4	$\infty$	-1	$\infty$	0

$= A^0$



2. Start with the node 1. Here, row and column 1 do not get affected at all.

$$A' = \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & \infty & -2 & \infty \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 2 & \infty \\ 3 & \infty & \infty & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & \infty & -1 & \infty & 0 \end{array}$$

Now, we do the following:

$$\begin{array}{l} 1. \text{ dist}[2][3] = 3 \\ \text{dist}[2][1] = 4 \\ \text{dist}[1][3] = -2 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{dist}[2][3] = 3 \\ \text{dist}[2][1] = 4 \\ \text{dist}[1][3] = -2 \end{array}} \right\} 4 + (-2) = 2$$

Since  $3 > 2$ , we change  $\text{dist}[2][3]$  to 2.

$$\begin{array}{l} 2. \text{ dist}[2][4] = \infty \\ \text{dist}[2][1] = 4 \\ \text{dist}[1][4] = \infty \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{dist}[2][4] = \infty \\ \text{dist}[2][1] = 4 \\ \text{dist}[1][4] = \infty \end{array}} \right\} 4 + \infty = \infty$$

$\infty = \infty$ , so we don't change anything.

$$\begin{array}{l} 3. \text{ dist}[3][2] = \infty \\ \text{dist}[3][1] = \infty \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{dist}[3][2] = \infty \\ \text{dist}[3][1] = \infty \end{array}} \right\} \text{We already know that nothing will change. We don't need to continue further.}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 4. \text{ dist}[3][4] = 2 \\ \text{dist}[3][1] = \infty \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \\ \text{dist}[3][1] = \infty \end{array}} \right\} \text{Nothing changes.}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 5. \text{ dist}[4][2] = -1 \\ \text{dist}[4][1] = \infty \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{dist}[4][2] = -1 \\ \text{dist}[4][1] = \infty \end{array}} \right\} \text{Nothing changes.}$$

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$$6. \begin{matrix} \text{dist}[4][3] = \infty \\ \text{dist}[4][1] = \infty \end{matrix} \} \text{ Nothing changes}$$

3. Move to the node 2. Now, elements in row and column 2 aren't affected.

$$A^2 = \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & \infty & -2 & \infty \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 2 & \infty \\ 3 & \infty & \infty & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

Now we do:

$$1. \begin{matrix} \text{dist}[1][3] = -2 \\ \text{dist}[1][2] = 4 \\ \text{dist}[2][3] = 2 \end{matrix} \} 4+2=6$$

$-2 < 6$ , so nothing changes.

$$2. \begin{matrix} \text{dist}[1][4] = \infty \\ \text{dist}[1][2] = 4 \\ \text{dist}[2][4] = \infty \end{matrix} \} \begin{matrix} 4+\infty = \infty \\ \text{Nothing changes} \end{matrix}$$

$$3. \begin{matrix} \text{dist}[3][1] = \infty \\ \text{dist}[3][2] = \infty \\ \text{dist}[2][1] = 4 \end{matrix} \} \begin{matrix} \text{Nothing} \\ \text{changes} \end{matrix}$$

$$4. \begin{matrix} \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \\ \text{dist}[3][2] = \infty \end{matrix} \} \text{ Nothing happens.}$$

$$5. \begin{matrix} \text{dist}[4][1] = \infty \\ \text{dist}[4][2] = -1 \\ \text{dist}[2][1] = 4 \end{matrix} \} \begin{matrix} -1+4=3 \\ \infty > 3, \text{ so } \text{dist}[4][1] = 3 \end{matrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 6. \quad & \text{dist}[4][3] = \infty \\
 & \text{dist}[4][2] = -1 \\
 & \text{dist}[2][3] = 2 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{dist}[4][2] = -1 \\ \text{dist}[2][3] = 2 \end{aligned}} \right\} -1 + 2 = 1 \\
 & \infty < 1, \text{ so } \text{dist}[4][3] \text{ changes to } 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Move to the node 3. Here, elements in row 3 and col 3 aren't affected.

$$A^3 = \begin{array}{c|ccccc} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & \infty & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & \infty & \infty & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

Now we do:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad & \text{dist}[1][2] = \infty \\
 & \text{dist}[1][3] = -2 \\
 & \text{dist}[3][2] = \infty \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{dist}[1][3] = -2 \\ \text{dist}[3][2] = \infty \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{Nothing changes.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad & \text{dist}[1][4] = \infty \\
 & \text{dist}[1][3] = -2 \\
 & \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{dist}[1][3] = -2 \\ \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \end{aligned}} \right\} -2 + 2 = 0 \\
 & \infty > 0, \text{ so } \text{dist}[1][4] = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. \quad & \text{dist}[2][1] = 4 \\
 & \text{dist}[2][3] = 2 \\
 & \text{dist}[3][1] = \infty \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{dist}[2][3] = 2 \\ \text{dist}[3][1] = \infty \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{No change.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. \quad & \text{dist}[2][4] = \infty \\
 & \text{dist}[2][3] = 2 \\
 & \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{dist}[2][3] = 2 \\ \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \end{aligned}} \right\} 2 + 2 = 4 \\
 & \infty > 4, \text{ so } \text{dist}[2][4] = 4
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{array}{l} 5. \text{ dist}[4][1] = 3 \\ \text{ dist}[4][3] = 1 \\ \text{ dist}[3][1] = \infty \end{array} \} \text{ No change}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 6. \text{ dist}[4][2] = -1 \\ \text{ dist}[4][3] = 1 \\ \text{ dist}[3][2] = \infty \end{array} \} \text{ No change}$$

5. Move to node 4. Here, the elements in row and col 4 aren't affected.

	1	2	3	4
1	0	-1	-2	0
2	4	0	2	4
3	5	1	0	2
4	3	-1	1	0

Now we do:

$$\begin{array}{l} 1. \text{ dist}[1][2] = \infty \\ \text{ dist}[1][4] = 0 \\ \text{ dist}[4][2] = -1 \end{array} \} 0 + (-1) = -1$$

$\infty > -1$ , so  $\text{dist}[1][2] = -1$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2. \text{ dist}[1][3] = -2 \\ \text{ dist}[1][4] = 0 \\ \text{ dist}[4][3] = 1 \end{array} \} 0 + 1 = 1$$

$-2 < 1$ , so nothing happens.

$$\begin{array}{l} 3. \text{ dist}[2][1] = 4 \\ \text{ dist}[2][4] = 4 \\ \text{ dist}[4][1] = 3 \end{array} \} 4 + 3 = 7$$

$4 < 7$ , so nothing changes.

$$\begin{array}{l} 4. \text{ dist}[2][3] = 2 \\ \text{ dist}[2][4] = 4 \\ \text{ dist}[4][3] = 1 \end{array} \} 4 + 1 = 5$$

$2 < 5$ , so nothing happens.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 5. \text{ dist}[3][1] = \infty \\
 \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \\
 \text{dist}[4][1] = 3 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \\ \text{dist}[4][1] = 3 \end{array}} \right\} 2+3=5 \\
 \infty > 5, \text{ so } \text{dist}[3][1] = 5
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 6. \text{ dist}[3][2] = \infty \\
 \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \\
 \text{dist}[4][2] = -1 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{dist}[3][4] = 2 \\ \text{dist}[4][2] = -1 \end{array}} \right\} 2+(-1)=1 \\
 \infty > 1, \text{ so } \text{dist}[3][2] = 1
 \end{array}$$

The final matrix is:

	1	2	3	4
1	0	-1	-2	0
2	4	0	2	4
3	5	1	0	2
4	3	-1	1	0

4. Complexity:

- Takes  $O(V^3)$ , where  $V$  is the number of vertices.