






Lesson-16- Shortest Path

- **An optimal solution** is a feasible solution that results in the largest possible objective function value when maximizing (or smallest when minimizing).
- **The feasible solution:** A subset of given inputs that satisfies all specified constraints of a problem is known as a “feasible solution”.

Slide-11 - Fractional Knapsack Problem

Given a set of 5 items, find the maximum total profit with the at most weight of **10 ml**.
 $W = 10 \text{ ml}$

Objects/Items					
Benefits/Profits In Dollar(\$) B_i	12	32	40	30	50
Weights in ml(W_i)	4	8	2	6	1
Value \$ per ml B_i/W_i	3	4	20	5	50
Solution set X_i (included or not)	0	1/8	1	1	1

Select the B_i/W_i Highest to lowest

Step 1: Pick 50 \rightarrow Item 5 with the weight 1. Include in the set X_i and deduct its weight from the W . $10 - 1 = 9$

Step 2: Pick 20 \rightarrow Item 3 with the weight 2. Include in the set X_i and deduct its weight from the remaining weight W . $9 - 2 = 7$

Step 3: Pick 5 \rightarrow Item 4 with the weight 6. Include in the set X_i and deduct its weight from the remaining weight W . $7 - 6 = 1$

Step 4: Pick 4 \rightarrow Item 2 with the weight 1 from the 8(Select the fraction). Include in the set X_i and deduct its weight from the remaining weight W . $7 - 6 = 1$

Let's verify the weight we included is at most $W = 10$

$$\text{Sum of } X_i * W_i = 0 * 4 + (1/8) * 8 + 1 * 2 + 1 * 6 + 1 * 1$$

$$= 0 + 1 + 2 + 6 + 1 = 10$$

Let's calculate total Profit

$$\text{Sum of } X_i * B_i = 0 * 12 + (1/8) * 32 + 1 * 40 + 1 * 30 + 1 * 50$$

$$= 0 + 4 + 40 + 30 + 50$$

$$= \$ 124$$

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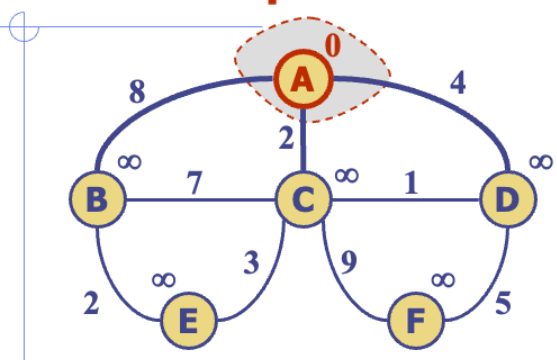
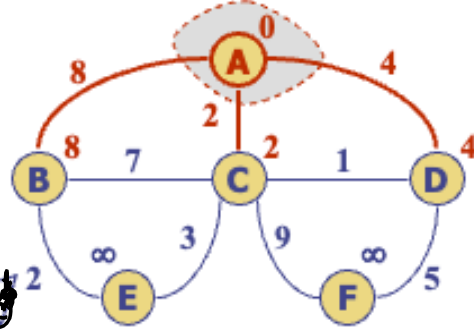
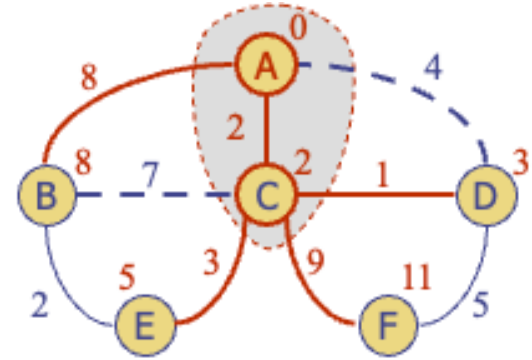
Run time: $O(n \log n)$. Why?

Answer: This is typically because the items must first be sorted by their value-to-weight ratio before the greedy approach is applied, and sorting can be done in $O(n \log n)$ time with comparison-based sorting algorithms like quicksort or mergesort.

Slide-35 – Last Point Details

Correctness: The argument for correctness is that because edge weights are non-negative and the algorithm relaxes edges (updating distances if a shorter path is found), the distance to a node once it is added to the tree cannot be incorrect. Therefore, as long as the distance from the source to F ($d(F)$) is greater than or equal to the distance from the source to D ($d(D)$), the algorithm has not made an error in the distance for vertex F.

Dijkstra's Algorithm

<p>Start Graph Step 1</p> 	<p>Formula $d(z) \leftarrow \min\{d(z), d(u) + \text{weight}(e)\}$</p> <p>Initial Vertex A $d(A) = 0$ $d(B) = \infty$ $d(C) = \infty$ $d(D) = \infty$ $d(E) = \infty$ $d(F) = \infty$</p> <p>A is in the Tree</p>
<p>Step 2</p> 	<p>Adjacent to A are B, C, D You have to pick minimum distance</p> <p> $d(B) = \min\{\infty, d(u) + \text{weight}(b)\}$ $= \min(\infty, 0 + 8)$ $= 8$ $d(C) = \min\{\infty, 0 + 2\} = 2$ (min) $d(D) = \min\{\infty, 0 + 4\} = 4$ $d(A) = 0$ $d(B) = 8$ $d(C) = 2$ $d(D) = 4$ $d(E) = \infty$ $d(F) = \infty$ </p>
<p>Step 3, Add C in the tree</p> 	<p>Pick the edges adjacent A & C</p> <p> $D(c) = \min\{4, d(c) + \text{weight}(d)\}$ $\text{Min}(4, 2 + 1) = 3$ $D(e) = \min\{\infty, 2 + 3\} = 5$ </p> <p> $d(A) = 0$ $d(B) = 8$ $d(C) = 2$ $d(D) = 3$ $d(E) = 5$ (min) </p>

	$d(F) = \infty$
<p>Step 4, Add D is in the tree</p>	<p>Update the distances from A, C, D</p> $D(f) = \{ \infty, 3 + 5 \} = 8$ $d(A) = 0$ $d(B) = 8$ $d(C) = 2$ $d(D) = 3$ $d(E) = 5$ $d(F) = 8$
<p>Step 5, Add E in the cloud</p>	$d(z) \leftarrow \min \{ d(z), d(u) + \text{weight}(e) \}$ $d(A) = 0$ $d(B) = 7$ $d(C) = 2$ $d(D) = 3$ $d(E) = 5$ $d(F) = 8$ $d(b) = \{ 8, 5 + 2 \} = 7$
<p>Step 6</p>	$d(A) = 0 \rightarrow$ $d(B) = 7 - A - C - E - B$ $d(C) = 2 \quad A - C$ $d(D) = 3 \quad A - C - D$ $d(E) = 5 \quad A - C - E$ $d(F) = 8 \quad A - C - D - F$

Step 7

