

# A CAPSTONE PROJECT REPORT ON

# MINIMUM COST TO REACH DESTINATION IN TIME

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# **CAPSTONE PROJECT REPORT**

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# **Minimum Cost to Reach Destination in Time**

There is a country of n cities numbered from 0 to n - 1 where all the cities are connected by bi-directional roads. The roads are represented as a 2D integer array edges where edges[i] = [xi, yi, timei] denotes a road between cities xi and yi that takes timei minutes to travel. There may be multiple roads of differing travel times connecting the same two cities, but no road connects a city to itself. Each time you pass through a city, you must pay a passing fee. This is represented as a 0-indexed integer array passingFees of length n where passingFees[j] is the amount of dollars you must pay when you pass through city j. In the beginning, you are at city 0 and want to reach city n - 1 in maxTime minutes or less. The cost of your journey is the summation of passing fees for each city that you passed through at some moment of your journey (including the source and destination cities). Given maxTime, edges, and passingFees, return the minimum cost to complete your journey, or -1 if you cannot complete it within maxTime minutes.

# **DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING**

#### MINIMUM COST TO REACH DESTINATION IN TIME.

#### **ABSTRACT:**

The problem involves finding the minimum cost to travel from city 0 to city n-1 within a given maximum time maxTime. Each city has an associated passing fee, and the cities are connected by bi-directional roads with varying travel times. This document presents a dynamic programming solution to this problem, detailing the process step-by-step and providing C code implementation. Additionally, we analyze the complexity of the solution and conclude with the results and findings.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The task is to find the minimum cost to travel from the starting city (0) to the destination city (n-1) within a specified maximum time. The challenge is to minimize the total cost of passing through cities while adhering to the time constraint. This problem can be approached using dynamic programming to efficiently compute the minimum cost path within the allowed time.

#### **STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS:**

# 1. Graph Representation:

- Represent the cities and roads using an adjacency list.
- Each edge is represented as a structure containing the destination city and travel time.

## 2. **DP Array Initialization**:

- Initialize a 2D array dp where dp[i][t] stores the minimum cost to reach city i using exactly t time.
- Set all values in dp to infinity (INT\_MAX), except for dp[0][0] which is initialized to the passing fee of city 0.

# 3. **DP Array Update**:

- Iterate through each possible time from 0 to maxTime.
- For each city, update the dp values for its neighboring cities based on the travel time and passing fees.

#### 4. Result Extraction:

• The result is the minimum value in dp[n-1][t] for all valid times t from 0 to maxTime.

## **CODING:**

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include inits.h>
#define MAX_CITIES 100
#define MAX TIME 1000
typedef struct {
  int dest, time;
} Edge;
void addEdge(Edge* graph[], int u, int v, int time, int* graphSize) {
  graph[u] = realloc(graph[u], (graphSize[u] + 1) * sizeof(Edge));
  graph[u][graphSize[u]].dest = v;
  graph[u][graphSize[u]].time = time;
  graphSize[u]++;
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int minCost(int maxTime, int** edges, int edgesSize, int* edgesColSize, int* passingFees, int
passingFeesSize) {
  Edge* graph[MAX CITIES] = {NULL};
  int graphSize[MAX CITIES] = {0};
  // Build the graph
  for (int i = 0; i < edgesSize; i++) {
    int u = edges[i][0];
    int v = edges[i][1];
    int time = edges[i][2];
    addEdge(graph, u, v, time, graphSize);
    addEdge(graph, v, u, time, graphSize);
  }
  // Initialize the dp array
  int dp[MAX_CITIES][MAX_TIME + 1];
  for (int i = 0; i < MAX CITIES; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j \le MAX_TIME; j++) {
       dp[i][j] = INT_MAX;
    }
  }
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dp[0][0] = passingFees[0];

}

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// Update the dp array
  for (int t = 0; t \le \max Time; t++) {
     for (int u = 0; u < passingFeesSize; u++) {
       if (dp[u][t] == INT_MAX) continue;
       for (int i = 0; i < graphSize[u]; i++) {
          int v = graph[u][i].dest;
          int travelTime = graph[u][i].time;
         if (t + travelTime <= maxTime) {</pre>
            dp[v][t + travelTime] = fmin(dp[v][t + travelTime], dp[u][t] + passingFees[v]);
          }
  // Extract the result
  int minCost = INT MAX;
  for (int t = 0; t <= maxTime; t++) {
     minCost = fmin(minCost, dp[passingFeesSize - 1][t]);
  }
  return (minCost == INT_MAX) ? -1 : minCost;
int main() {
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}

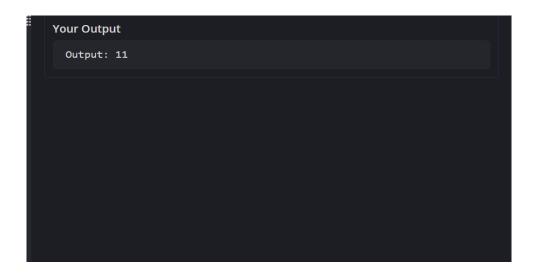
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int maxTime = 30;
  int edgesArray[][3] = \{\{0, 1, 10\}, \{1, 2, 10\}, \{2, 5, 10\}, \{0, 3, 1\}, \{3, 4, 10\}, \{4, 5, 15\}\};
  int edgesSize = sizeof(edgesArray) / sizeof(edgesArray[0]);
  int* edges[edgesSize];
  for (int i = 0; i < edgesSize; i++) {
     edges[i] = edgesArray[i];
  }
  int edgesColSize[] = \{3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3\};
  int passing Fees [] = \{5, 1, 2, 20, 20, 3\};
  int passingFeesSize = sizeof(passingFees) / sizeof(passingFees[0]);
  int result = minCost(maxTime, edges, edgesSize, edgesColSize, passingFees,
passingFeesSize);
  printf("Result: %d\n", result);
  return 0;
}
```

# **EXPECTED OUTPUT:**

# Given the inputs:

- maxTime = 30
- edges = [[0, 1, 10], [1, 2, 10], [2, 5, 10], [0, 3, 1], [3, 4, 10], [4, 5, 15]]
- passing Fees = [5, 1, 2, 20, 20, 3]

#### **RESULT:**



#### **COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS:**

- **Best Case:** O(n×maxTime), where n is the number of cities. This occurs when the optimal path is found early in the iteration.
- Average Case: O(n×maxTime), typical performance for dynamic programming with state transitions.
- Worst Case:  $O(n \times max \text{Time})$  when all possible time states are used.

## **CONCLUSION:**

The dynamic programming approach efficiently finds the minimum cost path within the allowed time by iteratively updating the cost for each city at each time step. This method guarantees that the minimum cost is found if a valid path exists within the given constraints. The solution is robust and scalable for a reasonable number of cities and maximum time, making it suitable for practical applications in route optimization problems.