

1 Dijkstras Algorithm

- To find the shortest paths (distances) from the start vertex s:
- keep a priority queue PQ of vertices to be processed
- for each u in the PQ maintain $\text{dist}(s,u)$ as the shortest current known path length from s to u
- e.g. keep an array with current known shortest distances from s to every vertex (initially set to be infinity for all but s, and 0 for s)
- always order the queue so that the vertex with the shortest distance is at the front.

1.1 Pseudo code

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1: function Dijkstra(Graph, source):
2:   for each vertex v in Graph: // Initialization
3:     dist[v] := infinity // initial distance from source to vertex v is set to infinite
4:     previous[v] := undefined // Previous node in optimal path from source
5:   dist[source] := 0 // Distance from source to source
6:   Q := the set of all nodes in Graph // all nodes in the graph are unoptimized - thus are in Q
7:   while Q is not empty: // main loop
8:     u := node in Q with smallest dist[ ]
9:     remove u from Q
10:    for each neighbor v of u: // where v has not yet been removed from Q.
11:      alt := dist[u] + dist_between(u, v)
12:      if alt < dist[v] // Relax (u,v)
13:        dist[v] := alt
14:        previous[v] := u
15:   return previous[ ]
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Reference section

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