CS 542 Fall 13 Project Report on Implementation of Link-State Routing Protocol

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Introduction

When link-state routing protocol is applied, each router needs to construct a map of the connectivity to the network. Every router floods the network with its connectivity information, so that all routers can obtain a complete map of the network. And then, a router will create/modify its routing table according to the map.

In this project, the concentration is on the part of work to be done on a router after the map is constructed, namely, finding shortest paths and building the routing table. The major algorithm involved is Dijkstra's single-source shortest-path algorithm. The programming language used is the C-related subset of the C++ programming language. And several testing cases are designed to make sure that the program works correctly on valid input. Please read on to find more details.

Data Structures

Following is a list of major data structures (with description) that were designed:

```
#define INFINITY -1
typedef struct vertex {
    int id;
    int dist;
    struct vertex *pre;
} vertex;
```

The *vertex* data structure corresponds to the vertex that is involved in the computation of Dijkstra's algorithm. Given a vertex, its *id* is a positive integer that identifies itself; *dist* holds the value of its currently computed distance from the source vertex (*dist* equals *INFINITY* when a path has not yet been found during computation); *pre* is a pointer that points to the predecessor vertex on the currently found shortest path during computation (*pre* equals *NULL* when a path has not yet been found during computation).

```
typedef struct graph {
     int size; // number of vertices
     int *adjmtx;
} graph;
```

The *graph* data structure is basically an adjacency matrix implemented as a 1-dimension array with capacity that equals $size^2$.

```
typedef struct {
        int dest;
      int next;
} entry;
typedef struct router {
      int id;
      int n;
      vertex *varray;
      entry *table;
} router;
```

The *router* data structure provides the environment within which the Dijkstra's algorithm operates, and it denotes the source router of the single-source shortest path problem. Given a router, its *id* is a positive integer that identifies itself; *n* holds the number of routers to be involved in the problem; *varray* points to an array of *n* vertices, which Dijkstra's algorithm runs on and modifies (at the end of a successful run of Dijkstra's algorithm, every *vertex* in *varray* reaches the final state, in which it is either an isolated vertex, say, *dist* equals *INFINITY*, and *pre* equals *NULL*, or one of the vertices whose shortest path from source vertex is found.); *table* points to an array of *n entrys*, which holds routing table of the *router*.

Algorithms

PICKMIN – remove from set Q the vertex whose dist value is currently the minimum of all vertices in set Q, and add it to set S. Due to time constraint, a simple array-based implemented is applied in this project. For more sophisticated implementation, a min-heap or Fibonacci-heap is usually applied.

RELAXATION – for a vertex u returned by PICKMIN, by looking up the adjacency matrix, 0 or more vertices can be found directly connected with u. If vertex v is found directly connected with u over an edge of weight w, the value of v->dist will be updated to u->dist + w when the latter is less than the former, meaning, a shorter path that goes through u is found for v. The value of v->dist will be remained if u->dist + w is no less than v->dist, meaning, no shorter path is found for v in this time of relaxation.

DIJKSTRA – the initial state is set like this: a vertex set *Q*, which consists of all vertices; a vertex set *S*, which consists of none; all but one vertices in *Q* have their *dist* set to *INFINITY*; *dist* of the source vertex is set to 0. After the initial state is set, perform *PICKMIN* -> *RELAXATION* repeatedly until *PICKMIN* can get no more vertices. Dijkstra's algorithm ends here where a shortest path has been found for every vertex in set *S*.

Following is the implementation code for the Dijkstra's algorithm:

```
void dijkstra(graph *g, int srcid, vertex *varr) {
      int n = g->size;
      vertex **s_set = (vertex **)calloc(n, sizeof(char *));
      vertex **q_set = (vertex **)calloc(n, sizeof(char *));
      int i;
      vertex **p;
      for (i = 1, p = q_set; i < n+1; i++, p++) {
             *p = varr + i - 1;
             if (i == srcid) {
                    (*p)->dist = 0;
             } else {
                    (*p)->dist = INFINITY;
             (*p)->pre = NULL;
      }
      vertex *u;
      int s_set_i = 0;
      int delta;
      int dist;
      vertex *vp;
      while ((u = pickMIN(q set, n)) != NULL) {
             *(s_set + s_set_i++) = u;
             // relaxation
```

Compile and Run Program

There are 5 source code files: cs542.h, main.c, router.c, graph,c, and dijkstra.c. They are compiled on Linux system using *gcc* compiler. Command

gcc -Wall -ggdb main.c router.c graph.c dijkstra.c -o cs542 will compile the source code and produce the executable file cs542. Option -Wall and -ggdb are included for debug use. And then, enter ./cs542 will run the program.

Test Cases and Screenshots

Here are six of the test cases that have been applied to the program and yields correct results:

1. The given sample:

```
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please load original routing table data file:
case0.txt
Original routing table is as follows:
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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 0
destination: 2 next-hop: 2
destination: 3 next-hop: 3
destination: 4 next-hop: 4
destination: 5 next-hop: 4
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please input the source and destination router number:
The shortest path from 1 to 5 is 1-4-5, the total cost is 3.
```

2. A network of which the topology resembles a linear line (10 routers included):

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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please load original routing table data file:
case1 line.txt
Original routing table is as follows:
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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 0 destination: 2 next-hop: 2 destination: 3 next-hop: 2
destination: 4 next-hop: 2
destination: 5 next-hop: 2
destination: 6 next-hop: 2
destination: 7 next-hop: 2
destination: 8 next-hop: 2
destination: 9 next-hop: 2
destination: 10 next-hop: 2
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 1
destination: 2 next-hop: 0
destination: 3 next-hop: 3
destination: 4 next-hop: 3
destination: 5 next-hop: 3
destination: 6 next-hop: 3
destination: 7 next-hop: 3
destination: 8 next-hop: 3
destination: 9 next-hop: 3
destination: 10 next-hop: 3
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please input the source and destination router number:
1 10
The shortest path from 1 to 10 is 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10, the total cost is 9.
```

3. A network of which the topology resembles a circle (10 routers included):

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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please load original routing table data file:
case2_circle.txt
Original routing table is as follows:
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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 0
destination: 2 next-hop: 2
destination: 3 next-hop: 2
destination: 4 next-hop: 2
destination: 5 next-hop: 2
destination: 6 next-hop: 2
destination: 7 next-hop: 10
destination: 8 next-hop: 10
destination: 9 next-hop: 10
destination: 10 next-hop: 10
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 1
destination: 2 next-hop: 0
destination: 3 next-hop: 3
destination: 4 next-hop: 3
destination: 5 next-hop: 3
destination: 6 next-hop: 3
destination: 7 next-hop: 3
destination: 8 next-hop: 1
destination: 9 next-hop: 1
destination: 10 next-hop: 1
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please input the source and destination router number:
The shortest path from 1 to 10 is 1-10, the total cost is 1.
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4. A network of which the topology resembles a star (10 routers included):

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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please load original routing table data file:
case3 star.txt
Original routing table is as follows:
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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 0 destination: 2 next-hop: 2 destination: 3 next-hop: 3
destination: 4 next-hop: 4
destination: 5 next-hop: 5
destination: 6 next-hop: 6
destination: 7 next-hop: 7
destination: 8 next-hop: 8
destination: 9 next-hop: 9
destination: 10 next-hop: 10
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 1
destination: 2 next-hop: 0
destination: 3 next-hop: 1
destination: 4 next-hop: 1
destination: 5 next-hop: 1
destination: 6 next-hop: 1
destination: 7 next-hop: 1
destination: 8 next-hop: 1
destination: 9 next-hop: 1
destination: 10 next-hop: 1
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please input the source and destination router number:
2 3
The shortest path from 2 to 3 is 2-1-3, the total cost is 2.
```

5. A network of which the topology resembles the mix of a circle and a star (10 routers included):

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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please load original routing table data file:
case4 starcircle.txt
Original routing table is as follows:
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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 0
destination: 2 next-hop: 2
destination: 3 next-hop: 3
destination: 4
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destination: 5
               next-hop: 5
destination: 6 next-hop: 6
destination: 7
               next-hop: 7
destination: 8 next-hop: 8
destination: 9 next-hop: 9
destination: 10 next-hop: 10
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 1
destination: 2 next-hop: 0
destination: 3 next-hop: 3
destination: 4 next-hop: 1
destination: 5 next-hop: 1
destination: 6 next-hop: 1
destination: 7
               next-hop: 1
destination: 8
               next-hop: 1
destination: 9 next-hop: 1
destination: 10 next-hop: 10
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please input the source and destination router number:
2 3
The shortest path from 2 to 3 is 2-3, the total cost is 1.
```

6. A network of which every router connects with all the other routers (10 routers included):

```
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please load original routing table data file:
case5 allconnected.txt
Original routing table is as follows:
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1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 0 destination: 2 next-hop: 2 destination: 3 next-hop: 3
destination: 4 next-hop: 4
destination: 5 next-hop: 5
destination: 6 next-hop: 6
destination: 7 next-hop: 7
destination: 8 next-hop: 8
destination: 9 next-hop: 9
destination: 10 next-hop: 10
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please select a router:
destination: 1 next-hop: 1
destination: 2 next-hop: 0
destination: 3 next-hop: 3
destination: 4 next-hop: 4
destination: 5 next-hop: 5
destination: 6 next-hop: 6
destination: 7 next-hop: 7
destination: 8 next-hop: 8
destination: 9 next-hop: 9
destination: 10 next-hop: 10
1-Load File
2-Build Routing Table for Each Router
3-Out Optimal Path and Minimum Cost
Please input the source and destination router number:
1 5
The shortest path from 1 to 5 is 1-5, the total cost is 1.
```