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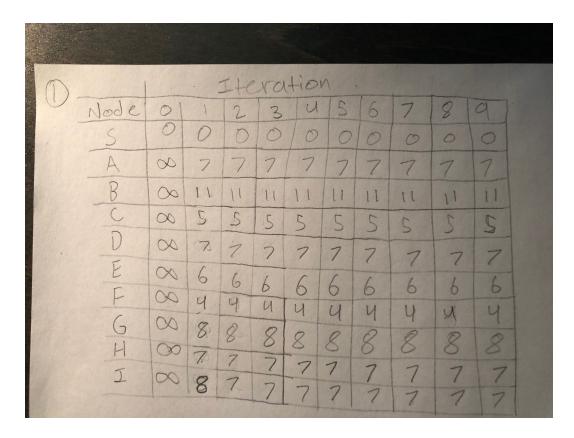
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## Homework #4

## 1. Problem 1



2. Counterexample: suppose you have nodes A, B, and C with edges going from A->C, A->B, B->C with weights of 2, 5, and -10 respectively. We also have a large constant C = 1000. We add 1000 to each edge weight and get AC = 1002, AB = 1005, and BC = 990. We then run Dijkstra's Algorithm in order to find the shortest path from A to C. While the correct answer should be A -> B -> C, by

using the large constant method we get a shortest path of A -> C. Therefore this approach is not correct.

 Pseudocode: Given a graph g and positive edge lengths L shortestCvcle:

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shortestCycle = infinity;

for each vertex u \in g do

dist[] = dijkstra(g, L, u);

for each vertex v \in g do

if (v, u) \in E then

shortestCycle = min(shortest, dist[v] + length(u,v));

if shortestCycle == infinity then return ('Graph is acyclic');

else return shortestCycle;
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Explanation: We begin by initializing shortestCycle to infinity. We then have a loop which runs through all vertices of the graph. This loop runs Dijkstra's Algorithm on the current vertex u. Then a nested loop runs through all other vertices v and this checks to see whether or not there is an edge (v, u), if so then this would complete a cycle. We update shortestCycle if the new cycle is shorter. We then exit the loop. If shortestCycle is infinity then we return 'Graph is acyclic. Otherwise we return shortestCycle.

Running Time Analysis: We are running Dijkstra's Algorithm V times. If we use the array implementation of Dijkstra (which has a running time of  $O(V^2)$ ) then the running time would be  $O(V^3)$ .