

# Bellman-Ford Algorithm

Input: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  - directed graph  
 $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  - positive and negative weights  
 $(\mathbb{R})$   
Source  $s \in V$

Output: either: (1) For each  $u \in V$ :  $\delta(s, u), \pi[u]$   
if  $G$  has no negative cycles  
or (2) Discover a negative cycle in  $G$ .

Negative cycle: cycle  $C$ :  $\sum_{e \in C} w(e) < 0$ .

Idea: ① Def:  $d_k(u)$  = length of a shortest <sup>(simple)</sup> path from  $s$  to  $u$  using at most  $k$  edges.

② If a graph has no negative cycles,  
a path  $P$  from  $s$  to  $u$  that is not simple  
can be used to get a path  $P'$  from  $s$  to  $u$   
that is simple,  
 $w(P') \leq w(P)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  shortest path with no constraints on simplicity is fine.



## Recursion for $d_k$ :

$$d_0(s) = 0 \quad d_0(u) = \infty \text{ for } u \neq s.$$

$$d_k(u) = \min_{(p,u) \in E} \{ d_{k-1}(p) + w(p,u), d_{k-1}(u) \}, \text{ for } k > 0.$$

$$d(s,u) = d_{|V|-1}(u) \text{ because a simple shortest path uses at most } |V|-1 \text{ edges.}$$

## Bellman-Ford Algorithm - Table 1:

Dynamic Program that stores  $d_k(u)$  in  $D[k, u]$ .

// Base case:

for  $u \in V$  do  $D[0, u] \leftarrow \infty$

$D[0, s] \leftarrow 0$

// Recursive case: Solve in <sup>order of</sup> increasing values of  $k$

for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $|V|-1$  do

for  $u \in V$  do

$D[k, u] \leftarrow D[k-1, u]$

for each edge  $e = (p, u)$  into  $u$  do

if  $D[k, u] > D[k-1, p] + w(p, u)$  then

$D[k, u] \leftarrow D[k-1, p] + w(p, u).$

for  $u \in V$  do

for each edge  $(p, u) \in E$  do

if  $D[|V|-1, u] > D[|V|-1, p] + w(p, u)$  then

$O(|V| \cdot |E|)$   
 $O(|E|)$

return null // Graph has a negative cycle.

return D. //  $\delta(s, u) = D[|V|-1, u]$ .

### Bellman-Ford Take 2:

1. No need to have a dimension for  $k$  in  $D$ .

$$D[k, u] \xrightarrow{k=0 \dots |V|-1} D[u] \rightarrow u.d$$

2. Order in which nodes/edges are processed is unimportant.

// Version given in algorithms text books:

initialize(s)

for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $|V|-1$  do

for each edge  $e = (u, v) \in E$  do  
relax( $u, v, e$ ).

// Verification phase

for each edge  $e = (u, v) \in E$  do

if (relax( $u, v, e$ )) then  
return null

return  $\mathbb{P}$  instance of Bellman-Ford that stores  $.d, .\pi$  for vertices.

## Bellman-Ford Take 3 - practical version

Queue  $q$  of vertices.  $q.add(s)$

initialize( $s$ )  $\leftarrow$  include  $u.count \leftarrow 0$

While  $q$  is not empty do

$u \leftarrow q.remove()$ ;  $u.count++$ ; if  $u.count > |V|-1$  then ...

for each edge  $e=(u,v)$  out of  $u$  do

if relax( $u,v,e$ ) and  $v \notin q$  then

$q.add(v)$ .

Good news: RT is much better for many graphs.

Bad news: infinite loop if  $G$  has a negative cycle.

Prevent infinite loop: count how many times  $u$  is added to  $q$ . for each  $u \in V$ . If  $u.count > |V|-1$  then  $G$  has a negative cycle.

Worst case RT is still  $O(|V| \cdot |E|)$ .

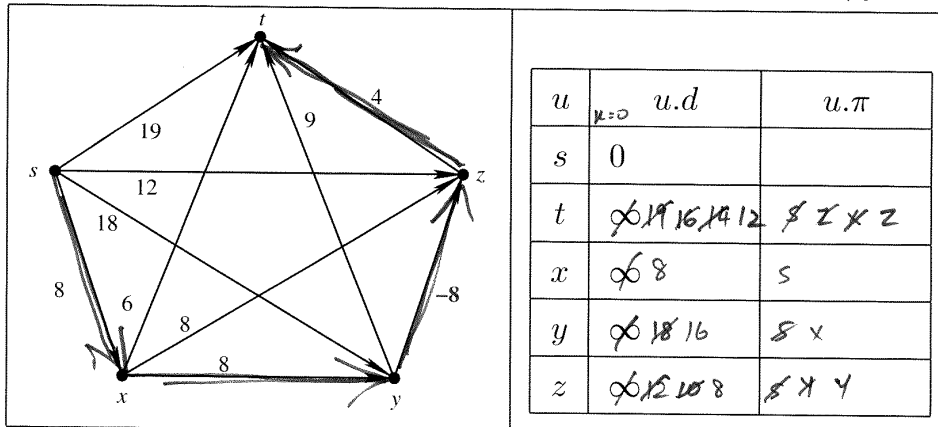
## All-pairs shortest paths

Input:  $G=(V,E)$ ,  $w:E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  (or  $\mathbb{R}$ ), no negative cycles.

Output:  $\delta(u,v)$  for all  $u,v \in V$ ;  $\pi(u,v)$

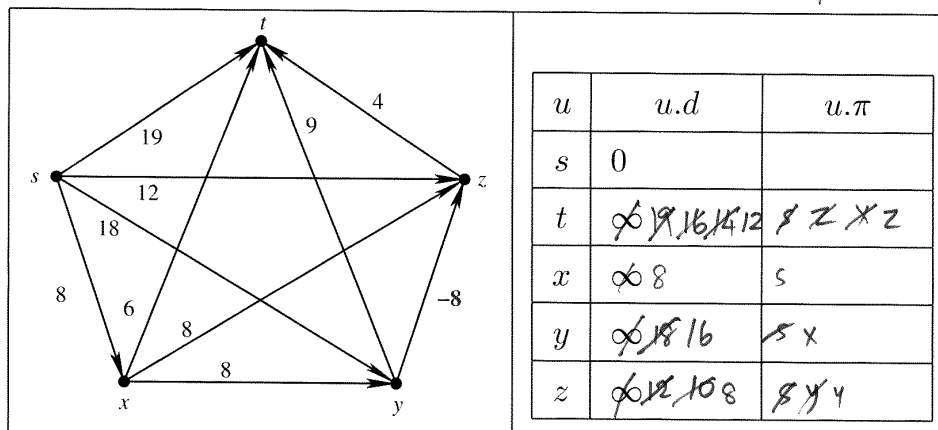
$\pi(u,v)$  = predecessor of  $v$  in shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ .

If edge weights are positive  $\rightarrow$  run Dijkstra's algorithm from every node as source.

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Edge order:  $(s, t)$   $(s, z)$   $(z, t)$   $(s, y)$   $(y, t)$   $(y, z)$   $(s, x)$   $(x, t)$   $(x, z)$   $(x, y)$   
(say)

$K = \emptyset, x, z, y, t$

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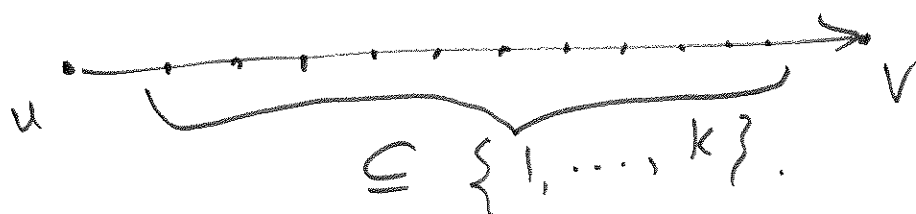
$q: s, x, z, y, t, z, x, z, t$

# Floyd-Warshall's algorithm

G is directed, some edges have negative weights.

Based on the following recurrence:

Def:  $d^{(k)}(u, v)$  = Weight of shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ , all of whose internal nodes are only from  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .



Recurrence for  $d^{(k)}$ :

$$d^{(0)}(u, v) = w(u, v) \quad (\infty \text{ if no such edge})$$

$$d^{(k)}(u, v) = \min \left\{ d^{(k-1)}(u, v), d^{(k-1)}(u, k) + d^{(k-1)}(k, v) \right\}$$

Case 1: if  $k$  is not on the path

Case 2:  $k$  is on the path.

$$\delta(u, v) = d^{(|V|)}(u, v).$$

Dynamic program for this recurrence

$$D \leftarrow W$$

// Weight matrix, with  $\infty$  in missing edges, 0 in the diagonals

$O(|V|^3)$ . for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $|V|$  do  
for  $u \in V$  do  
for  $v \in V$  do

return  $D$

if  $D[u, v] > D[u, k] + D[k, v]$  then  
 $D[u, v] \leftarrow D[u, k] + D[k, v]$