

# CS38 Introduction to Algorithms

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## Outline

- Dynamic programming design paradigm
  - longest common subsequence
  - edit distance/string alignment
  - shortest paths revisited: Bellman-Ford
  - detecting negative cycles in a graph

\* some slides from Kevin Wayne

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## Dynamic programming

“programming” = “planning”  
“dynamic” = “over time”

- basic idea:
  - identify subproblems
  - express solution to subproblem in terms of other “smaller” subproblems
  - build solution bottom-up by filling in a table
- defining subproblem is the hardest part

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## Dynamic programming summary

- identify subproblems:
  - present in recursive formulation, or
  - reason about what residual problem needs to be solved after a simple choice
- find order to fill in table
- running time (size of table) · (time for 1 cell)
- optimize space by keeping partial table
- store extra info to reconstruct solution

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## Longest common subsequence

- Two strings:
  - $x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$
  - $y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$
- Goal: find longest string  $z$  that occurs as **subsequence** of both.
  - e.g.  $x = \text{gctatcgatctagcttata}$
  - $y = \text{catgcaagcttgactgatctcaaa}$
  - $z = \text{tattctcta}$

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  - if  $x_m = y_n$  then  $z_k = x_m = y_n$  and  $z_1 z_2 \dots z_{k-1}$  is LCS of  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{m-1}$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{n-1}$

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## Longest common subsequence

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  - $x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$
  - $y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$
- Subproblems: prefix of  $x$ , prefix of  $y$   
 $\text{OPT}(i,j)$  = length of LCS for  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$
- using structure of LCS:  $\text{OPT}(i,j) =$ 
  - 0 if  $i = 0$  or  $j = 0$
  - $\text{OPT}(i-1,j-1) + 1$  if  $x_i = y_j$
  - $\max\{\text{OPT}(i,j-1), \text{OPT}(i-1,j)\}$  if  $x_i \neq y_j$

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## Longest common subsequence

- what order to fill in the table?

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LCS-length(x, y: strings)
1. OPT(i, 0) = 0 for all i
2. OPT(0, j) = 0 for all j
3. for i = 1 to m
4.   for j = 1 to n
5.     if  $x_i = y_j$  then OPT(i,j) = OPT(i-1, j-1) + 1
6.     elseif OPT(i-1, j) >= OPT(i, j-1) then OPT(i,j) = OPT(i-1, j)
7.     else OPT(i,j) = OPT(i, j-1)
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- running time?
  - $O(mn)$

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- space  $O(nm)$ 
  - can be improved to  $O(\min\{n,m\})$

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## Longest common subsequence

**LCS-length(x, y: strings)**

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- reconstruct LCS?
  - store which of 3 cases was taken in each cell

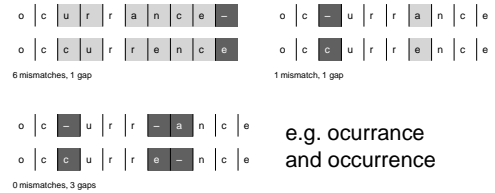
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## Edit distance

- How similar are two strings?



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## Edit distance

- Edit distance between two strings:
  - gap penalty  $\delta$
  - mismatch penalty  $\alpha_{pq}$
  - distance = sum of gap + mismatch penalties



- many variations, many applications

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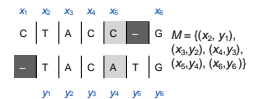
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## String alignment

- Given two strings:

$x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$

$y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$



- alignment = sequence of pairs  $(x_i, y_j)$

each symbol in at most one pair

no crossings:  $(x_i, y_j), (x_i', y_j')$  with  $i < i', j > j'$

$$\text{cost}(M) = \sum_{(x_i, y_j) \in M} \alpha_{x_i, y_j} + \sum_{i: x_i \text{ unmatched}} \delta + \sum_{j: y_j \text{ unmatched}} \delta$$

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- Goal: find minimum cost alignment

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## String alignment

- subproblem:  $\text{OPT}(i, j)$  = minimum cost of aligning prefixes  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$

case 1:  $x_i$  matched with  $y_j$

cost =  $\alpha_{x_i, y_j} + \text{OPT}(i-1, j-1)$

case 2:  $x_i$  unmatched

cost =  $\delta + \text{OPT}(i-1, j)$

case 3:  $y_j$  unmatched

cost =  $\delta + \text{OPT}(i, j-1)$

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## String alignment

- subproblem:  $OPT(i, j)$  = minimum cost of aligning prefixes  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$
- conclude:

$$OPT(i, j) = \begin{cases} j\delta & \text{if } i = 0 \\ i\delta & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} \alpha_{x_i y_j} + OPT(i-1, j-1) \\ \delta + OPT(i-1, j) \\ \delta + OPT(i, j-1) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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## String alignment

STRING-ALIGNMENT ( $m, n, x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n, \delta, \alpha$ )

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FOR  $i = 0$  TO  $m$ 
   $M[i, 0] \leftarrow i\delta$ 
FOR  $j = 0$  TO  $n$ 
   $M[0, j] \leftarrow j\delta$ 
FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $m$ 
  FOR  $j = 1$  TO  $n$ 
     $M[i, j] \leftarrow \min \{ \alpha[x_i, y_j] + M[i-1, j-1], \delta + M[i-1, j], \delta + M[i, j-1] \}$ 
RETURN  $M[m, n]$ 

```

- running time?  $O(nm)$
- space?  $O(nm)$
- can improve to  $O(n+m)$  (how?)
- can recover alignment (how?)

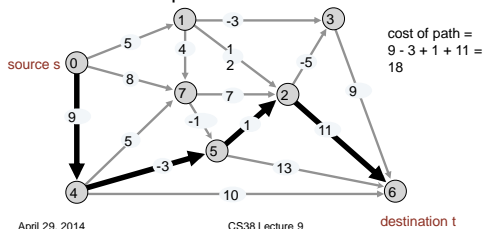
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## Shortest paths (again)

- Given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with (possibly negative) edge weights
- Find shortest path from node  $s$  to node  $t$



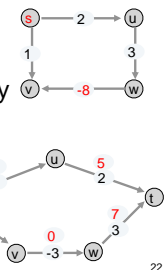
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## Shortest paths

- Didn't we do that with Dijkstra?
  - can fail if negative weights
- Idea: add a constant to every edge?
  - comparable paths may have different # of edges



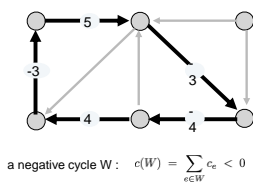
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## Shortest paths

- negative cycle** = directed cycle such that the sum of its edge weights is negative



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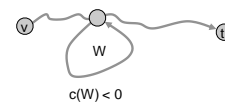
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## Shortest paths

**Lemma:** If some path from  $v$  to  $t$  contains a negative cycle, then there does not exist a shortest path from  $v$  to  $t$

Proof: go around the cycle repeatedly to make path length arbitrarily small.



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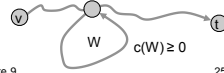
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## Shortest paths

**Lemma** If  $G$  has no negative cycles, then there exists a shortest path from  $v$  to  $t$  that is simple (has  $\leq n - 1$  edges)

Proof:

- consider a cheapest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path  $P$
- if  $P$  contains a cycle  $W$ , can remove portion of  $P$  corresponding to  $W$  without increasing the cost



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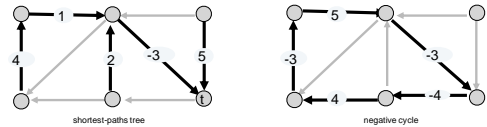
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## Shortest paths

**Shortest path problem.** Given a digraph with edge weights  $c_{vw}$  and no negative cycles, find cheapest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path for each node  $v$ .

**Negative cycle problem.** Given a digraph with edge weights  $c_{vw}$ , find a negative cycle (if one exists).



## Shortest paths

- subproblem:  $OPT(i, v)$  = cost of shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path that uses  $\leq i$  edges
  - case 1: shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path uses  $\leq i - 1$  edges
    - $OPT(i, v) = OPT(i - 1, v)$
  - case 2: shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path uses  $i$  edges
    - edge  $(v, w)$  + shortest  $w \rightsquigarrow t$  path using  $\leq i - 1$  edges

$$OPT(i, v) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \left\{ OPT(i-1, v), \min_{(v, w) \in E} \{ OPT(i-1, w) + c_{vw} \} \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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- $OPT(n-1, v)$  = cost of shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path overall, if no negative cycles. Why?
  - can assume path is simple

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## Shortest paths

SHORTEST-PATHS  $(V, E, c, t)$

FOREACH node  $v \in V$

$M[0, v] \leftarrow \infty$ .

$M[0, t] \leftarrow 0$ .

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n - 1$

FOREACH node  $v \in V$

$M[i, v] \leftarrow M[i-1, v]$ .

FOREACH edge  $(v, w) \in E$

$M[i, v] \leftarrow \min \{ M[i, v], M[i-1, w] + c_{vw} \}$ .

- running time?  
 $O(nm)$
- space?  
 $O(n^2)$
- can improve to  
 $O(n)$  (how?)
- can recover path  
(how?)

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## Shortest paths

- Space optimization: two  $n$ -element arrays
  - $d(v)$  = cost of shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path so far
  - $\text{successor}(v)$  = next node on current  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path
- Performance optimization:
  - if  $d(w)$  was not updated in iteration  $i - 1$ , then no reason to consider edges entering  $w$  in iteration  $i$

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## Bellman-Ford

BELLMAN-FORD ( $V, E, c, t$ )

FOREACH node  $v \in V$

$d(v) \leftarrow \infty$ .

$\text{successor}(v) \leftarrow \text{null}$ .

$d(t) \leftarrow 0$ .

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n - 1$

FOREACH node  $w \in V$

IF ( $d(w)$  was updated in previous iteration)

FOREACH edge  $(v, w) \in E$

IF ( $d(v) > d(w) + c_{vw}$ )

$d(v) \leftarrow d(w) + c_{vw}$ .

$\text{successor}(v) \leftarrow w$ .

IF no  $d(w)$  value changed in iteration  $i$ , STOP. ← early stopping rule

1 pass

early  
stopping rule

## Bellman-Ford

- notice that algorithm is well-suited to **distributed** implementation
  - $n$  iterations/passes
  - each time, node  $v$  updates  $M(v)$  based on  $M(w)$  values of its neighbors
- important property exploited in routing protocols
- Dijkstra is “global” (e.g., must maintain set  $S$ )

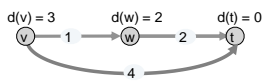
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## Bellman-Ford

- Is this correct?
- Attempt: after the  $i^{\text{th}}$  pass,  $d(v)$  = cost of shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path using at most  $i$  edges – counterexample:



If nodes  $w$  considered before node  $v$ , then  $d(v) = 3$  after 1 pass

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## Bellman-Ford

**Lemma:** Throughout algorithm,  $d(v)$  is the cost of some  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path; after the  $i^{\text{th}}$  pass,  $d(v)$  is no larger than the cost of the shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path using  $\leq i$  edges.

**Proof** (induction on  $i$ )

- Assume true after  $i^{\text{th}}$  pass.
- Let  $P$  be any  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path with  $i + 1$  edges.
- Let  $(v, w)$  be first edge on path and let  $P'$  be subpath from  $w$  to  $t$ .
- By inductive hypothesis,  $d(w) \leq c(P')$  since  $P'$  is a  $w \rightsquigarrow t$  path with  $i$  edges.
- After considering  $v$  in pass  $i + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} d(v) &\leq c_{vw} + d(w) \\ &\leq c_{vw} + c(P') \\ &= c(P) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem:** Given digraph with no negative cycles, algorithm computes cost of shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  paths in  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(n)$  space.

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Bellman-Ford: analysis

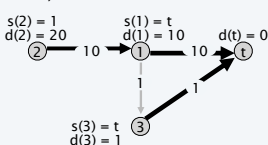
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Counterexample. Claim is false!

- Cost of successor  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path may have strictly lower cost than  $d(v)$ .

consider nodes in order:  $t$ ,

$1, 2, 3$



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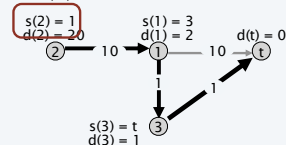
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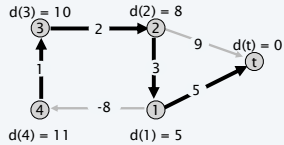
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- \* Cost of successor v→t path may have strictly lower cost than d(v).
- \* Successor graph may have cycles.

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1, 2, 3, 4



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## Bellman-Ford: analysis

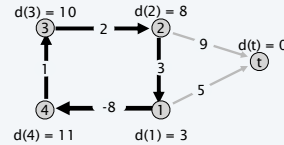
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## Bellman-Ford

**Lemma:** If successor graph contains directed cycle  $W$ , then  $W$  is a negative cycle.

**Proof:**

- if  $\text{successor}(v) = w$ , we must have  $d(v) \geq d(w) + c_{vw}$ .  
(LHS and RHS are equal when  $\text{successor}(v)$  is set;  $d(w)$  can only decrease;  $d(v)$  decreases only when  $\text{successor}(v)$  is reset)
- Let  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k$  be the nodes along the cycle  $W$ .
- Assume that  $(v_k, v_1)$  is the last edge added to the successor graph.
- Just prior to that:
 
$$\begin{aligned} d(v_1) &\geq d(v_2) + c(v_1, v_2) \\ d(v_2) &\geq d(v_3) + c(v_2, v_3) \\ &\vdots \\ d(v_{k-1}) &\geq d(v_k) + c(v_{k-1}, v_k) \\ d(v_k) &> d(v_1) + c(v_k, v_1) \end{aligned}$$

holds with strict inequality since we are updating  $d(w)$
- add inequalities:  $c(v_1, v_2) + c(v_2, v_3) + \dots + c(v_{k-1}, v_k) + c(v_k, v_1) < 0$

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## Bellman-Ford

**Theorem:** Given a digraph with no negative cycles, algorithm finds the shortest  $s \rightarrow t$  paths in  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(n)$  space.

**Proof:**

- The successor graph cannot have a negative cycle (previous lemma).
- Thus, following the successor pointers from  $s$  yields a directed path to  $t$ .
- Let  $s = v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k = t$  be the nodes along this path  $P$ .
- Upon termination, if  $\text{successor}(v) = w$ , we must have  $d(v) = d(w) + c_{vw}$ .  
(LHS and RHS are equal when  $\text{successor}(v)$  is set;  $d(\cdot)$  did not change)
- Thus:
 
$$\begin{aligned} d(v_1) &= d(v_2) + c(v_1, v_2) \\ d(v_2) &= d(v_3) + c(v_2, v_3) \\ &\vdots \\ d(v_{k-1}) &= d(v_k) + c(v_{k-1}, v_k) \end{aligned}$$

since algorithm terminated

Adding equations yields  $d(s) = d(t) + c(v_1, v_2) + c(v_2, v_3) + \dots + c(v_{k-1}, v_k)$

min cost of any  $s \rightarrow t$  path

0

cost of path  $P$