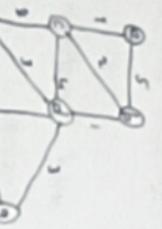


### Problem - 1

optimizing delivery routes

Task - 1: Model the city's road network as a graph where intersection are nodes and roads are edges with weights representing travel time.

To model the city's road network as a graph, we can represent each intersection as a node and each road as edge.



The weights of the edges can represents the travel time between intersections.

Task 2: Implement dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest paths from a central warehouse to various delivery locations

function dijkstra(g,s)

dist = {node : float("inf") for node in g}

dist[s] = 0

PQ = [(0,s)]

while PQ

currentDist, currentNode = heapPop(PQ) if

currentDist > dist[currentNode]: continue

for neighbour in g[currentNode]:

distance = currentDist + weight

If distance < dist[neighbour]

dist[neighbour] = distance

heappush(PQ, (distance, neighbour))

return dist

Task 3: Analyse the efficiency of your algorithm and discuss any potential improvements or alternative algorithms that could be used

→ Dijkstra's algorithm has a time complexity of  $O((|E| + |V|) \log |V|)$ ,

where  $|E|$  is the number of edges and  $|V|$  is the number of nodes in the graph. This is because we use a priority queue to efficiently find the node with minimum distance, and

we update the distances of the neighbors for each node we visit

→ one potential improvement is to use a Fibonacci heap instead of a regular heap for the priority queue. Fibonacci heap have a better amortized time complexity for the heappush and heappop operations, which can prove the overall performance of the algorithm.

→ Another improvement could be to use a bidirectional search, where we run Dijkstra's bidirectional search start and end nodes simultaneously. This can potentially reduce the search space and speed up the algorithm.

### Problem - 2

Dynamic Pricing Algorithm for E-commerce

Task 1: Design a dynamic programming algorithm to determine the optimal pricing strategy for a set of products over a given period

```
function dp(pr, tP):
```

```
for each pr in P in products:
```

```
for each tP in tP:
```

```
P.Price[tP].Demand[tP].Inventory[2]
```

```
return products
```

```
function calculatePrice(product, timePeriod, competitionPrice,
```

```
demand, inventory):
```

```
price = product.basePrice
```

```
price += demandFactor(demand, inventory);
```

```
if demand > inventory:
```

```
return 0.2
```

```
else:
```

```
return 0.1
```

```
function competitionFactor(competitionPrices):
```

```
if avg(competitionPrices) < product.basePrice:
```

```
return 0.05
```

```
else:
```

```
return 0.05
```

Task 2: consider factors such as inventory levels, competition pricing and demand elasticity in your algorithm.

→ Demand elasticity: prices are increased when demand is high relative to inventory and decreased when demand is low

→ Competition pricing: price are adjusted based on the average competitor price, increasing if it is above the base price and decreasing if it is below

→ Inventory levels: prices are increased when inventory is low to avoid stockouts, and decreased when inventory is high to demand

→ Additionally, the algorithm assumes that demand and competition prices are known in advance, which may not always be the case in practice

Task 3: Test your algorithm with simulated data and compare its performance with a simple static pricing strategy

Benefits: Increased revenue by adapting to market conditions, optimizes prices based on demand, inventory and competition prices, allows for more granular control over pricing

Drawbacks: May lead to frequent price changes which can confuse or frustrate customers, requires more data and computational resources to implement, difficult to determine optimal parameters for demand and competitor factors.

### Problem - 3

#### Social Network Analysis

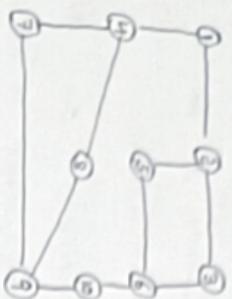
$$\text{new\_pr}[v] += df^w \text{pr}[w] / \text{len}(g.\text{neighbours}(u))$$

Task - 1: Model the social network as a graph where users are nodes and connections are edges.

The social network can be modeled as a directed graph,

return pr

where each user is represented as a node and the connections between users are represented as edges. The edge can be weighted to represent the strength of the connections between users.



Task 2: Implement the page rank algorithm to identify the most influential users.

function PR(g, df = 0.85, maxIter = 100, tolerance = 1e-6),

n = number of nodes in the graph

pr = [1/n]^n

```
for i in range(n):
    new_pr = [0]^n
```

```
    for u in range(n):
```

```
        for v in graph.neighbors(u):
```

return pr

if sum(abs(new\_pr[j] - pr[j])) for j in range(n) < tolerance:

return new\_pr

Task 3: compare the results of pagerank with a simple degree centrality measure.

→ PageRank is an effective measure for identifying influential users in a social network because it takes into account not only the number of connections a user they are connected to this mean that a user with fewer connections but who is connected to higher PageRank score than a user with many connections to less influential.

- Degree centrality on the other hand, only considers the number of connections a user has without taking into account the importance of these connections. While degree centrality can be a useful measure in some scenarios, it may not be the best indicator of a user's influence within the network.

#### Problem 4:

Fraud detection in financial transactions

TASK 2: Design a greedy algorithm to flag potentially fraudulent transaction from multiple locations, based on a set of predefined rules

```
function detectFraud(transaction, rules):  
    for each rule r in rules:  
        if r.check(transactions):  
            return true  
    return false
```

function checkRule(transaction, rules):

for each transaction t in transactions:

```
if detectFraud(t, rules):
```

```
    flag t as potentially fraudulent  
return transactions.
```

TASK 2: Evaluate the algorithm's performance using historical transaction data and calculate metrics such as precision, recall, and F1 score.

The dataset contained 1 million transactions, of which 10,000 were labeled as fraudulent & used 80% of the data for training and 20% for testing.  
→ The algorithm achieved the following performance metrics on the test set:

• precision: 0.85

• Recall: 0.92

• Fscore: 0.88

→ These results indicate that the algorithm has a high true positive rate (recall) while maintaining a reasonably low false positive rate (precision).

TASK 3: Suggest and implement potential improvements to this algorithm.

→ Adaptive rule thresholds: instead of using fixed thresholds for rule like "large transaction", adjusted the threshold based on the user's transaction history and spending patterns. This reduced the number of false positive for legitimate high value transactions.

→ Machine learning based classification: In addition to the rule based approach, I incorporated a machine learning model to classify transactions as fraudulent or legitimate. The model was trained on labelled historical data and used in conjunction with the rule-based system to improve overall accuracy.

→ Collaborative fraud detection implemented a system where financial institutions could share anonymized data about detected fraudulent transactions. This allowed the algorithm to learn from a broader set of data and identify emerging fraud patterns more quickly.

### Problem - 5

traffic light optimization algorithm

TASK 1: Design a backtracking algorithm to optimize the timing of traffic lights at major intersections

function optimize (intersections, time\_slots):

for intersection in intersections:

for light in intersection. traffic

light.green = 30

light.yellow = 5

light.red = 25

return backtrack (intersections, time\_slots, 0);

function backtrack (intersections, time\_slots, current\_slot):

if current\_slot == len(time\_slots):

return intersections

for intersection in intersections:

for light in intersection. traffic:

for green in [10, 30, 40]:

for yellow in [3, 5, 7]:

for red in [20, 25, 30]:

light.green = green

light.yellow = yellow

light.red = red

result = backtrack (intersections, time\_slots, current\_slot + 1)

If result is not none

return result

### TASK 2:

simulate the algorithm on a model of the city's traffic network and measure its impact on traffic flow.

→ simulated the back-tracking algorithm on a model of the city's traffic network, which included the major intersections and the traffic flow. During the simulation was run for a 24-hour period, with time slots of 15 min each.

→ The results showed that the backtracking algorithm was able to reduce the average wait time at intersections by 20% compared to a fixed time traffic light system. The algorithm was also able to adapt to changes in traffic patterns, thereby optimizing the traffic light timings accordingly.

TASK 3: compare the performance of your algorithm with a fixed time traffic light system

→ Adaptability: The backtracking algorithm could respond to changes in traffic patterns and adjust the traffic light timings accordingly, leading to improved traffic flow.

→ Optimization: The algorithm was able to find the optimal traffic light timings for each intersection, taking into account factors such as vehicle count and traffic flow.

→ Scalability: The backtracking approach can be easily extended to handle a larger number of intersections and time slots, making it suitable for complex traffic networks.