

CS3310 – Fall 2015
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Asgn 6 (Shortest Path)
Western Europe DrivingApp

***** OVERVIEW *****

The **DrivingApp** program finds the shortest route from a start city to a destination city using Dijkstra's Minimum Cost Path (MCP) algorithm and map data for the major cities of Western Europe. Batch processing is used to determine routes for a series of start/destinations city pairs stored in the transaction file, logging results to an output file.

Two utility programs are also needed. **Setup** converts the raw map data into a more efficient-to-use format for DrivingApp to use. And **PrettyPrint** aids the developer in checking the newly created map data files.

***** 3 SEPARATE PROGRAMS *****
(each in its own physically separate file)

1. **Setup** (a utility, so procedural or OOP program) BUILDS `MapGraph.bin` & `CityNameList.csv` files from the raw data file, `EuropeMapData.csv`.
2. **PrettyPrint** (a utility, so procedural or OOP program) DISPLAYS `MapGraph.bin` & `CityNameList.csv` files to `MapDataPrintout.txt` file.
3. **DrivingApp** (an OOP program) USES `MapGraph.bin` & `CityNameList.csv` and Dijkstra's (MCP) algorithm to find the shortest path for each pair of start & destination cities. Input data is in `CityPairs.csv` file, and results going to `Log.txt` file.

DrivingApp uses 3 separate OOP classes (each in its own physically separate file):

- a. Map class – handles everything to do with `MapGraph.bin` & `CityNameList.csv` files
- b. Route class – handles everything to do with the route-finding (using Dijkstra's MCP Algorithm) and reporting its results: `traceOfTargets` and `answer` (both `shortestPath` & `totalDistance`)
- c. Log class – handles everything to do with `Log.txt` file

***** 6 DATA FILES *****

1. **EuropeMapData.csv** [MY file] Input to Setup
2. **CityPairs.csv** [MY file] Input to DrivingApp
3. **MapDataPrintout.txt** Output from PrettyPrint

4. **Log.txt** Output from DrivingApp (handled by Log class)
[log object passed to Route class for writing to it]
5. **MapGraph.bin** Output from Setup
Input to PrettyPrint
Input to DrivingApp (handled by Map class)
[map object passed to Route class's methods for `roadDistance` lookup, as needed]
6. **CityNamesList.csv** Output from Setup
Input to PrettyPrint
Input to DrivingApp (handled by Map class)
[map object passed to Route class's methods for `cityName` & `cityCode` lookup, as needed]

Map Data is stored in a more efficient-to-use storage structure as compared to the raw `EuropeMapData` file. There are 2 files:

1. `MapGraph.bin` contains:
 - o N is the number of nodes (cities) in the graph, numbered 0 → N-1.
 - o The map's roads (edge weights) are implemented as an ADJACENCY MATRIX. Since it's an UNDIRECTED graph, a TRIANGULAR MATRIX saves space – the lower-left triangle is used. EXTERNAL storage is used since in the future there'll be lots more cities and roads. It's a BINARY file since it's just numbers for `roadDistances` and N being stored.
2. `CityNameList.csv` is an unordered list of node names (10-char names, right-padded where needed) and their 3-char codes, to provider for friendlier user interaction for the DrivingApp, which uses city NAMES rather than city NUMBERS.

***** DrivingApp PROGRAM *****

Declare 3 objects: map, route, log

Open `CityPairs` file

Loop til no more city pairs

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{  read in a city pair: 1 start city NAME & 1 destination city NAME
    ask Map's method to getCityNumber for the 2 cities' names (separately)
    ask Route's method to findMinCostPath (given the above 2 city NUMBERS)
                                [it'll need to access map and log objects]
                                which will find the answer (path & distance) & the traceOfTargets
                                and provide these to log object for writing to the Log file
}
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Close `CityPairs` file

FinishUp with the 3 objects

***** 3 CLASSES (used by DrivingApp) *****

Log class

- public methods:
 - constructor – opens file
 - finishUp – closes file
 - displayThis(string s) – writes the string sent into it WITHOUT a <CR><LF>
 - displayThisLine(string s) – writes the string sent into it WITH a <CR><LF>

[NOTE: Setup does not write to this file – it writes to MapDataPrintout.txt file so that it can easily be printed for the developer to check it].

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Map class

- all data is used DIRECTLY from the 2 FILES – it is NEVER all read into memory (EXCEPT N, which is read into memory just after opening the file)
- public methods:
 - constructor – opens files and reads in N
 - finishUp – closes files
 - getCityName(short cityNumber) – returns a string
 - direct address of CityNameList.csv
 - reads in the 10-char name
 - trims the right-end spaces to return a string
 - NOTE: cityNumber will ALWAYS be a valid number from 0 → N-1
 - getCityCode(short cityNumber) – returns a string
 - direct address of CityNameList.csv
 - reads in the 3-char name
 - NOTE: cityNumber will ALWAYS be a valid number from 0 → N-1
 - getCityNumber(string cityName) – returns a short
 - linear search of CityNameList.csv
 - capitalize targetCityName & cityNameInList when comparing
 - NOTE: cityName MAY NOT find a match (e.g., Kalamazoo)
 - getRoadDistance(short cityNumber1, short cityNumber2) – returns a short
 - if 2 cityNumbers are =, their roadDistance won't be in the data file – but it's a VIRTUAL DISTANCE of 0 - so just return a 0 – OTHERWISE . . .
 - uses random access to get the designated distance – which could be
 - an actual roadDistance
 - OR “infinity” (= maxShort) meaning “no connecting road”
 - byteOffset calculation allows for headerRec (i.e., N) and calculates where in LOWER-LEFT TRIANGULAR MATRIX the appropriate distance is, based on ROW and COLUMN
 - NOTE: row > column for the lower-left triangle, so row & column could be EITHER: city1 & city2 OR city2 & city1

[NOTE: The code outside this class does NOT KNOW HOW the graph is implemented/accessed here inside this class - for example, whether things are internal or external, or whether the graph is an adjacency matrix or adjacency lists, or whether the cityNameList is ordered or unordered or a BST or a hashTable or . . . etc.]

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Route class

- contains the 3 “working-storage” (scratch) arrays
- uses Dijkstra’s Minimum Cost Path algorithm [NOTE: **YOU MUST USE:** Kaminski’s pseudocode version of Dijkstra’s Shortest Path Algorithm where you code for TRACE display]
- public methods:
 - constructor: ???
 - finishUp: ???
 - findMinCostPath(short startNum, short destinationNum, short n, Map map, Log log)
 - this is the controller which pretty much just calls private methods:
 1. initialize3ScratchArrays(. . .)
 2. searchForPath(. . .)
 3. reportAnswer(. . .)
- 2 parts to the reported answer:
 1. total distance of the selected path
 2. list of cities in the selected path from START to DESTINATION (not vice versa)
 - use city NAMES (NOT city NUMBERS)
- the search prints out each TARGET CITY that it picks (**at the time it selects it!**)
 - NOTE: this is a TRACE of the TARGET cities (as they are selected). It is NOT just the list of cities that were INCLUDED as targets (i.e., in cityNumber order)
 - use city NAMES (NOT city NUMBERS)

[NOTE: The code outside this class does NOT KNOW what procedure was used to find the shortest path – whether it was an algorithm which calculates the answer, which algorithm was used, a search of an existing database for a stored answer, a crowd-sourced suggestion from the internet or your social network, use of your smart phone to use an app like Google maps, or . . .]

***** FILE DESCRIPTIONS *****

MY 2 FILES

[lines starting with % are comment-lines] [see actual files for format]

- EuropeMapData.csv
- CityPairs.csv

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YOUR 4 FILES

***** NOTES *****

- Adjacency matrix MUST be triangular, lower-left triangle, external, binary, shorts
- Row > Column for lower-left triangle
- Map data is EXTERNAL – it's never loaded into memory. When needed, cityName, cityCode or roadDistance is accessed from the external FILE.
- Use MUST use MY ALGORITHM IMPLEMENTATION for Dijkstra's MCP Algorithm
- map.getRoadDistance returns one of 3 possible kinds of values:
 - 0 for the diagonal (a virtual distance NOT actually IN the file)
 - "infinity" (maxShort) for no-road-between-those-cities (from MapGraph file)
 - actual roadDistance in MapGraph file for the road between those 2 cities
- Trace of Targets
 - it's not part of the ALGORITHM – but add code to handle it
 - It print targets AS THE TARGET GET SELECTED – and NOT just a printout LATER, after the route's been found, of all the nodes that were INCLUDED
- Check your output answers (including path and trace of targets) for REASONABLENESS
 - What appears to be the shortest path looking at the physical map (though use caution for paths going near the Alps and other mountainous or lake-filled areas)
 - every city in PATH will be in the TRACE (except START)
 - many cities in TRACE may NOT be in the PATH (especially when DESTINATION is quite a distance from START)
 - the order of cities in TRACE will be in increasing distance from START
- 2 different COSTS are of interest to in a problem like this:
 1. the cost of the actual SOLUTION - i.e., the minimum cost path DISTANCE
 2. the cost of FINDING the solution - i.e., # TARGETS