Baptiste Saliba CS_428 Programming Assignment 3

Compiling:

g++ -std=c++14 main.cpp -o main

Execution

./main <source_node>

Part A, B, C

3 sample graphs saved as `GRAPHS` in the `TESTS` object within the main.cpp file. Ran Djikstra's algorithm on all 3 of these GRAPHS with `u` as the source and had the output saved in the `tables.txt` file. In the `tables.txt` file, Part A is stored under the `TEST1`, Part B under `TEST2`, and Part C under `TEST3`.

Screenshot:

TEST 1 Step	N'	D(v),p(v)	D(w),p(w)	D(x),p(x)	D(y),p(y)	D(z),p(z)	
0 1 2 3 4 5	u ux uxy uvxy uvwxy uvwxyz	2,u 2,u 2,u 	5,u 4,x 3,y 3,y —-	1,u 	2,x 	4,y 4,y 4,y 	
TEST 2 Step	N'	D(t),p(t)	D(v),p(v)	D(w),p(w)	D(x),p(x)	D(y),p(y)	D(z),p(z)
0 1 2 3 4 5 6	u tu tuw tuvw tuvwx tuvwxy	2,u 	3,u 3,u 3,u 	3,u 3,u 	9,w 6,v 	9,t 9,t 9,t 9,t 	0 0 14,x 14,x ——
TEST 3 Step	N'	D(v),p(v)	D(w),p(w)	D(x),p(x)	D(y),p(y)	D(z),p(z)	
0 1 2 3 4 5	u ux uxy uvxy uvwxy uvwxyz	2,u 2,u 2,u 	5,u 4,x 3,y 3,y 	1,u 	2,x 	4,y 4,y 4,y 	

Design Decisions

- Graph representation:

Map from node_name to node's adjancency matrix.

Considered 2D adjacency matrix; however a map which seemed to make more sense and felt easier to read.

- Node representation:

Nodes are simply represented by a char that can be used to index into the Graph which will return that node's adjacency list.

Making another data structure seemed wasteful and unnecessary;

- Edge representation:

Edges were represented as a struct which has a `NODE` destination and length, very standard.

- N' representation:

A C++ set of `NODE`S. This would prevent duplicates which could create edge cases.

- Distance Tracking:

Tracked by a map of `NODE` to current path length to that `NODE`. This distance is updated every time a `NODE` is added to N'.

- Back Tracking:

Utilized a map from `NODE` to `NODE` which kept track of the node used to access the destination node. This map is updated every time the distance data structure is updated.