

Analysis of Algorithms

Shortest Path in a Graph with Dijkstra

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Introduction

In this project we are supposed to implement the one of the known shortest path algorithm called Dijkstra's. Project is going to include the comparison between theoretical running time and actual running time of the algorithm. The graphs which going to be examined will have following edge policy according to the project description. Policy is there can be an edge between node i and j if and only if $|i-j| \leq 3$ and i and j are not equal then $w_{ij} = |i-j|$. There will be a simple and useful UI(User Interface) to decide the number of node, starting node and destination node. Also, UI includes the visualization of the algorithm.

Explanation of Dijkstra's Algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm is one of the famous shortest path algorithm. Algorithm takes a graph, starting node and destination node to process. First all nodes has infinity shortest-path estimate($d[v]$) except the starting node. Algorithm has two min-heap these are Q and S . Q includes all nodes at the beginning. S is going to include all the nodes which was checked by the algorithm. The idea is that algorithm extracts the node v which has minimum $d[v]$ and inserts this node to S then relaxes all the edges which is leaving node v if it is possible. While doing it, algorithm holds the π (predecessor) values of all nodes. When the heap Q became empty, it finds the path between starting node and destination node by looking at the π values.

Pseudo Code and Running Time

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INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $V, s$ )  $\rightarrow$  For all vertices  $O(V)$ 
 $S \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
 $Q \leftarrow V[G]$   $\rightarrow$  Min-heap for all vertices  $O(V)$ 
while  $Q \neq \emptyset$   $\rightarrow$  Check all the vertices  $O(V)$ 
    do  $\leftarrow$  EXTRACT-MIN( $Q$ )  $\rightarrow$  Check for the current min vertex  $O(\lg V)$ 
     $S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$ 
    for each vertex  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$   $\rightarrow$  Eventually check all the edges  $O(E)$ 
        do RELAX( $u, v, w$ )
        Update  $Q$  (DECREASE_KEY)  $\rightarrow$  If it is better path write node  $O(\lg V)$ 
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Running Time: $O(V) + O(V) * O(\lg V) + O(E) * O(\lg V) = O(E \lg V)$

Example

When $N=10$, $S=1$ and $D=6$. Shortest path weight estimate in parentheses.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	inf	3	4	5	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf
2	3	inf	5	6	7	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf
3	4	5	inf	7	8	9	inf	inf	inf	inf
4	5	6	7	inf	9	10	11	inf	inf	inf
5	inf	7	8	9	inf	11	12	13	inf	inf
6	inf	inf	9	10	11	inf	13	14	15	inf
7	inf	inf	inf	11	12	13	inf	15	16	17
8	inf	inf	inf	inf	13	14	15	inf	17	18
9	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	15	16	17	inf	19
10	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	17	18	19	inf

Figure 1: Matrix Representation of $N=10$.

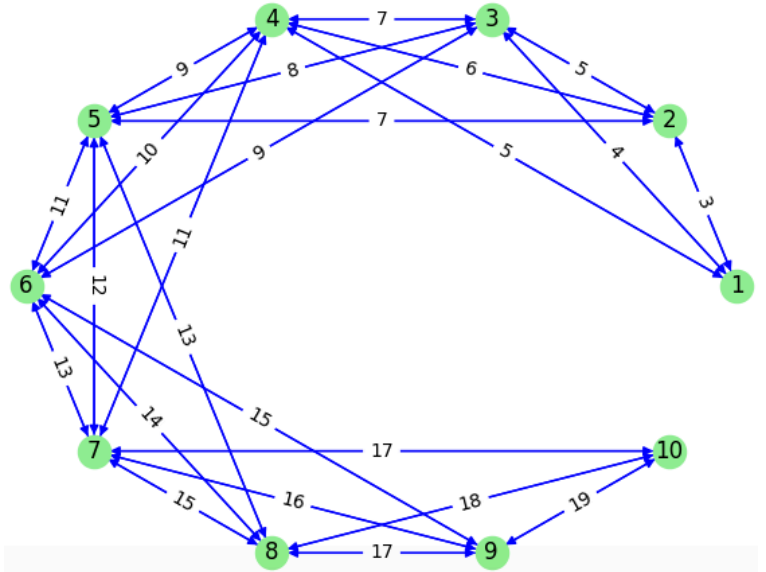


Figure 2: Graph Representation of $N=10$.

$S=<>$, $Q=<1(0), 2(\infty), 3(\infty), 4(\infty), 5(\infty), 6(\infty), 7(\infty), 8(\infty), 9(\infty), 10(\infty)>$

$S=<1(0)>$, $Q=<2(3), 3(4), 4(5), 5(\infty), 6(\infty), 7(\infty), 8(\infty), 9(\infty), 10(\infty)>$

$S=<1(0), 2(3)>$, $Q=<3(4), 4(5), 5(10), 6(\infty), 7(\infty), 8(\infty), 9(\infty), 10(\infty)>$

$S=<1(0), 2(3), 3(4)>$, $Q=<4(5), 5(10), 6(13), 7(\infty), 8(\infty), 9(\infty), 10(\infty)>$

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$S=<1(0), 2(3), 3(4), 4(5), 5(10)>$, $Q=<6(13), 7(16), 8(23), 9(\infty), 10(\infty)>$

$S=<1(0), 2(3), 3(4), 4(5), 5(10), 6(13)>$, $Q=<7(16), 8(23), 9(28), 10(\infty)>$

$S=<1(0), 2(3), 3(4), 4(5), 5(10), 6(13), 7(16)>$, $Q=<8(23), 9(28), 10(33)>$

$S=<1(0), 2(3), 3(4), 4(5), 5(10), 6(13), 7(16), 8(23)>$, $Q=<9(28), 10(33)>$

$S=<1(0), 2(3), 3(4), 4(5), 5(10), 6(13), 7(16), 8(23), 9(28)>$, $Q=<10(33)>$

$S=<1(0), 2(3), 3(4), 4(5), 5(10), 6(13), 7(16), 8(23), 9(28), 10(33)>$, $Q=<>$

$\delta(1,6) = 13 = 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6$

Code

The definitions of the functions and classes which is used for this project is below:

Main.py

Includes the main functions and UI.

- takeNumberN(): Takes the number of city from an input form.
- runDijkstra(): Runs the Dijkstra algorithm when button pressed.
- getGraphSpecs(): Gets the graph specs before plot.
- printGraph(): Print the graph matrix to console.
- fillGraph(): Fills the graph object according to given graph matrix.
- relax(): Relaxes an edge if it is possible.
- dijkstra(): Runs dijkstras algorithm for given starting node and destination on graph.
- writeToGraph(): Writes graph matrix properties to graph object.

justDijkstraComparison.py

Includes the function and plotting for different number of nodes for a graph and return the running times as a plot.

- dijkstra(): Runs dijkstra algorithm with writing it to graph object.
- dijkstraMultipleDestinations(): Calls dijkstra function for given N number.
- main(): Run dijkstra for N=10, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and plots the running times.

UI

User interface has two windows called openingWindow and mainWindows.

- openingWindow: User can enter the desired number city or look the comparison of the running times of different N number.

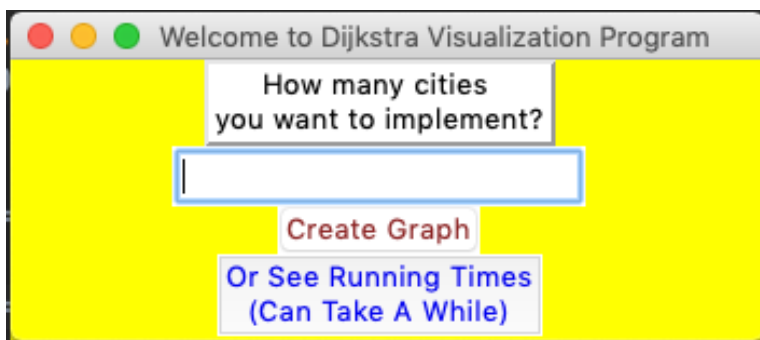


Figure 3: Opening window of the program.

- mainWindow: User enters the desired starting node and destination node. When Run Dijkstra is pressed there will pop-up plot that show the iterations and final path for given parameters.

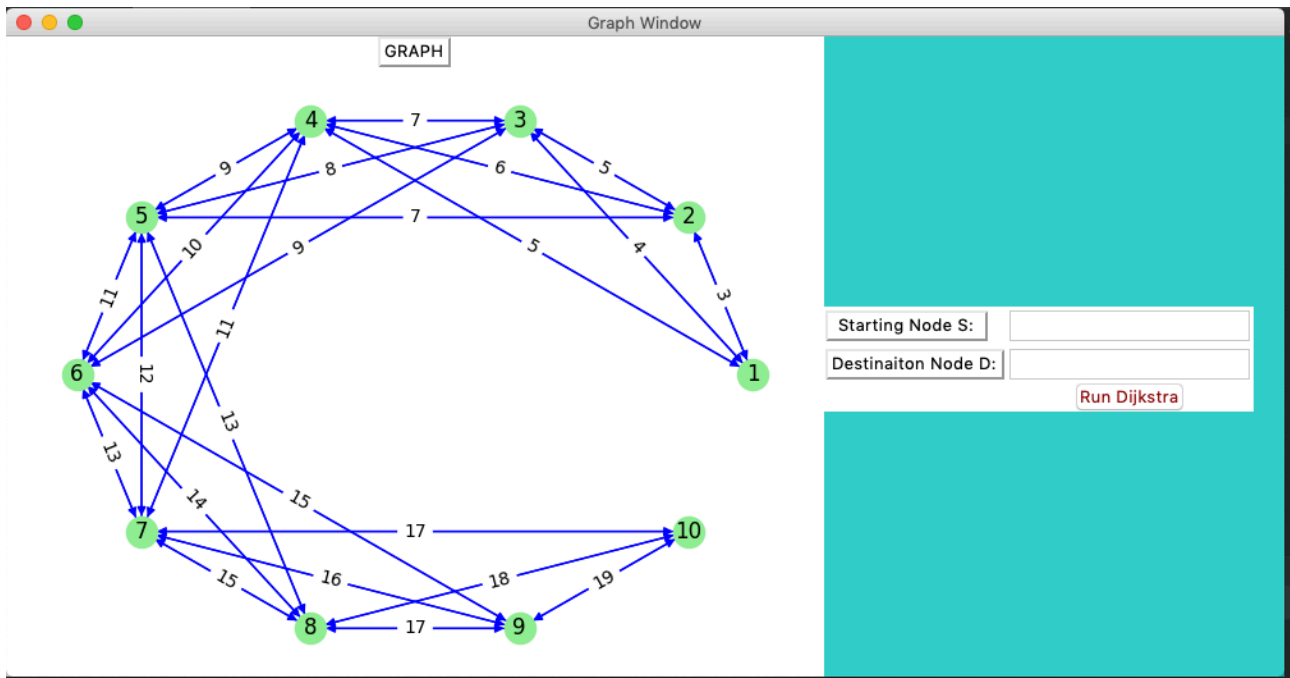


Figure 4: In main window after graph is created.

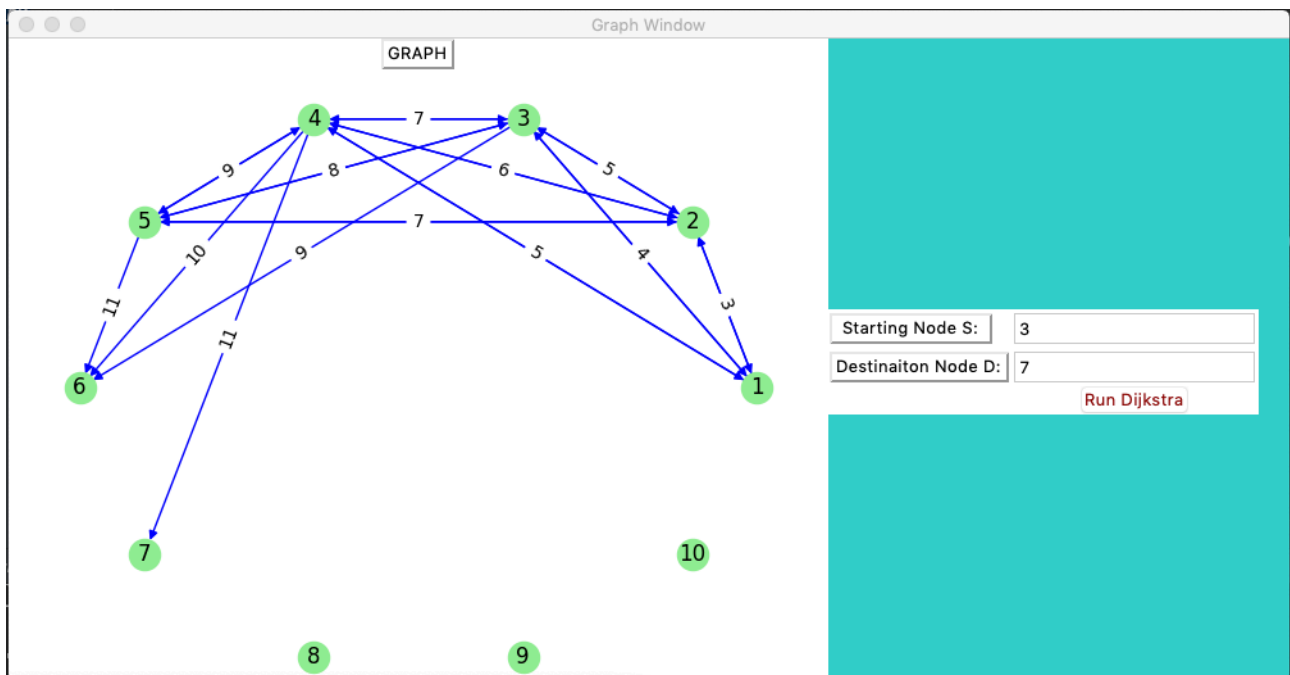


Figure 5: Dijkstra iterations on GUI.

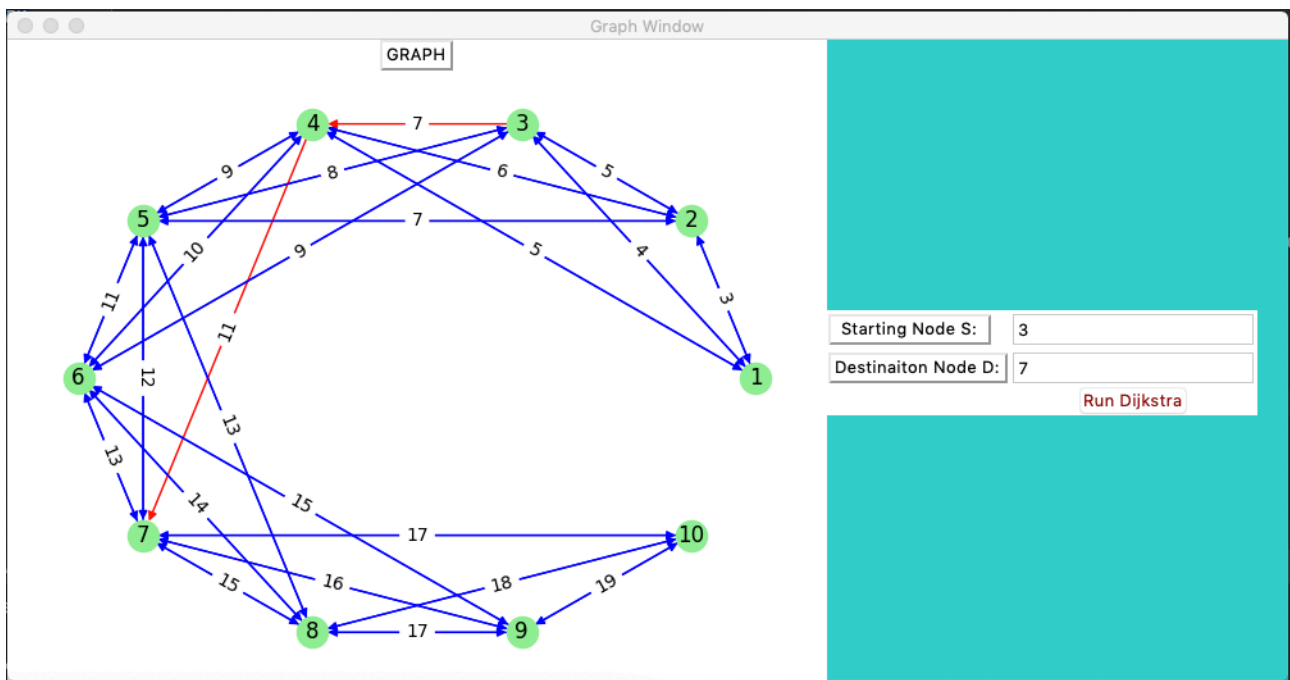


Figure 6: End of iterations path can be seen with red edges.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Dijkstra has simple logic but it is very useful. Can be said that project has consists of three main parts. First is theoretical and implementation of Dijkstra. Second is usage of networkx library. Third is the creation of the user interface and combining of the libraries networkx, matplotlib and tkinter. Anybody can get information about Dijkstra algorithm by looking at the dynamic visual presentation.

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