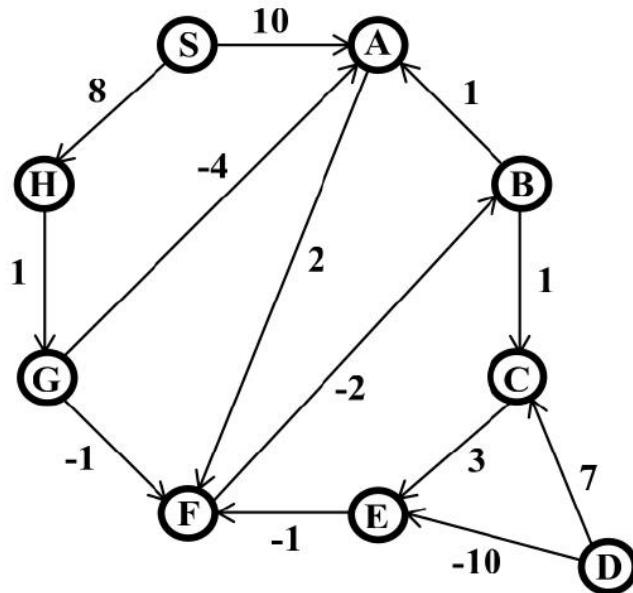


Observe the following graph:



- Q.1 Which shortest path algorithm will be suitable for this graph and why? Find out all the shortest paths from source 'S' to all other vertices of this graph. Complete all the iterations and show the state of the graph after each iteration. Finally, show the shortest path tree that you have found. [06] [CLO3]
- Q.2 i. Suppose you have a graph with 100 vertices, but the shortest paths are all found after just 5 iterations. The standard Bellman-Ford algorithm continues for 94 more useless iterations. Propose a modification to the algorithm so that it can detect when the algorithm has finished early and terminate immediately.
ii. Why is Breadth-First Search (BFS) insufficient for finding the shortest path in a weighted graph, even though it works for unweighted graphs? Explain with a suitable example. [04] [CLO3]

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Ans! to the Q. No. 1

The Bellman Ford algorithm is the most suitable shortest path algorithm for this graph.

Reason:

- i) The graph contains negative edge weights (e.g. -4, -2, -1, -10)
- ii) Dijkstra's algorithm cannot handle negative weights.
- iii) Bellman Ford works with negative edge weights, Detects negative cycle (if any)
- iv) Bellman Ford algorithm finds shortest paths from a single source (s)

Hence, Bellman Ford algorithm is appropriate.

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Graph nodes: S, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

source node - S

Initially, $d[S] = 0$ and all others are ∞ .

Initial state:

\Rightarrow Iteration needed, $n-1 = 9-1 = 8$ times.

{ if ($dist[u] + weight[v] < dist[v]$)
then $dist[v] = dist[u] + weight[v]$

Iteration 1:

	S	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
S	0	∞							
A	0	10	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	8
B	0	10	∞	∞	2	∞	12	∞	8
C	0	10	∞	∞	∞	∞	12	∞	8
D	0	10	∞	∞	∞	∞	12	∞	8
E	0	10	∞	2	∞	∞	12	∞	8
F	0	10	∞	∞	∞	∞	12	∞	8
G	0	10	10	∞	∞	∞	12	∞	8
H	0	10	10	∞	∞	∞	12	∞	8
	0	10	10	∞	∞	∞	12	9	8

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Iteration 2:

S	S	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
S	10	10	10	α	α	α	12	9	8
A	0	10	10	α	α	α	12	9	8
B	0	10	10	α	α	α	12	9	8
C	0	10	10	11	α	α	12	9	8
D	0	10	10	11	α	14	12	9	8
E	0	10	10	11	α	14	12	9	8
F	0	10	10	11	α	14	12	9	8
G	0	10	10	11	α	14	12	9	8
H	0	5	10	11	α	14	8	9	8
O	5	10	11	α	14	8	9	8	

Iteration 3:

S	S	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
S	5	10	11	α	14	8	9	8	
A	0	5	10	11	α	14	8	9	8
B	0	5	10	11	α	14	α	9	8
C	0	5	10	11	α	14	α	9	8
D	0	5	10	11	α	14	α	9	8
E	0	5	10	11	α	14	α	9	8
F	0	5	10	11	α	14	α	9	8
G	0	5	5	11	α	14	α	9	8
H	0	5	5	11	α	14	α	9	8
O	5	5	11	α	14	α	9	8	

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Iteration 4:

	S	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
S	0	5	5	11	α	14	\times	9	8
A	0	5	5	11	α	14	\times	9	8
B	0	5	5	11	α	14	\times	9	8
C	0	5	5	6	α	14	7	9	8
D	0	5	5	6	\times	9	7	9	8
E	0	5	5	6	α	9	7	9	8
F	0	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8
G	0	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8
H	0	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8
O	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8	

Iteration 5:

	S	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
S	0	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8
A	0	5	5	6	α	9	7	9	8
B	0	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8
C	0	5	5	6	α	9	7	9	8
D	0	5	5	6	\times	9	\times	9	8
E	0	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8
F	0	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8
G	0	5	5	6	α	9	7	9	8
H	0	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8
O	5	5	6	α	9	\times	9	8	

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Iteration 6-8:

No further updates occur.
Since, no distance changes, the algorithm converges.

Final shortest Distance from S :

S → S : 0

S → A : 5

S → B : 5

S → C : 11

S → D : ∞ (unreachable)

S → E : 9

S → F : ∞

S → G : 9

S → H : 8

hortest Path Tree:-

S → H → G → A → F → B → C → E

Cost=9

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Ans: to the Q No. 2

Early Termination in Bellman Ford Algorithm:

Problem: Standard Bellman Ford runs for $v-1$ iterations even if no updates occur early.

Solution (modification):

- i) use a flag variable
- ii) If during an iteration no distance value changes, stop the algorithm.

modified pseudocode: (JAVA)

for $i = 1$ to $v-1$:

 updated = false

 for each edge (u, v, w) :

 if $\text{dist}[u] + w < \text{dist}[v]$:

$\text{dist}[v] = \text{dist}[u] + w$

 updated = true

 if updated == false:

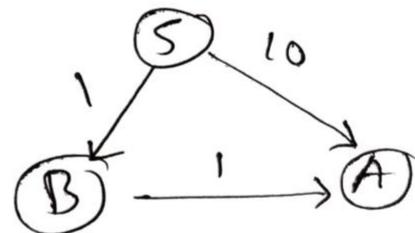
 break

Benefit: This reduces unnecessary iterations and improves performance.

BFS Fair for weighted graph: ~~Because~~ Reason:

- 1) BFS Assumes all edges have equal weight.
- 2) It finds the path with minimum number of edges, not minimum total weight.

Example:



→ BFS chooses: $S \rightarrow A$ ($\text{cost} = 10$)

→ But actual shortest path: $S \rightarrow B \rightarrow A$

($\text{cost} = 2$)

So, BFS ~~gives~~ gives an incorrect shortest path in weighted graphs.