

# Lab08-Shortest Path

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1. Let  $D$  be the shortest path matrix of weighted graph  $G$ . It means that  $D[u, v]$  is the length of the shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  for any pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . Graph  $G$  and matrix  $D$  are given. Now, assume the weight of a particular edge  $e$  is decreased from  $w_e$  to  $w'_e$ . Design an algorithm to update matrix  $D$  with respect to this change. The time complexity of your algorithm should be  $O(n^2)$ . Describe the details and write down your algorithm in the form of pseudo-code.

**Solution.** We can use  $e' = (x, y)$  to loose the shortest path between any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ . That is, we compare the path  $u \rightarrow x \rightarrow y \rightarrow v$  with original shortest path and try to update it. For each pair of vertices  $u, v$ , we only compare once in undirected graphs or twice in directed graphs. So the time complexity is  $O(n^2)$ .

- (a) For directed graph  $G$ .

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**Algorithm 1:** For directed graphs

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**input** : An adjacent matrix of a directed graph  $G$ , original shortest path matrix  $D$ , vertex set  $V$ , edge  $e = (x, y)$ ,  $w'_e$ .  
**output:**  $D$ , the updated shortest path matrix.

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1 for  $u$  in  $V$  do
2   for  $v$  in  $V$  do
3     if  $u \neq v$  then
4        $D[u, v] = \min\{D[u, v], D[u, x] + w'_e + D[y, v]\};$ 
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- (b) For undirected graph  $G$ .

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**Algorithm 2:** For undirected graphs

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**input** : An adjacent matrix of an undirected graph  $G$ , original shortest path matrix  $D$ , vertex set  $V$ , edge  $e = (x, y)$ ,  $w'_e$ .  
**output:**  $D$ , the updated shortest path matrix.

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1 for  $u$  in  $V$  do
2   for  $v$  in  $V$  do
3     if  $u \neq v$  then
4        $D[u, v] = \min\{D[u, v], D[u, x] + w'_e + D[y, v]\};$ 
5        $D[v, u] = \min\{D[v, u], D[v, y] + w'_e + D[x, u]\};$ 
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2. Suppose  $G = (V, E)$  is a *directed acyclic graph* (DAG) with positive weights  $w(u, v)$  on each edge. Let  $s$  be a vertex of  $G$  with no incoming edges and assume that every other node is reachable from  $s$  through some path.

- (a) Give an  $O(|V| + |E|)$ -time algorithm to compute the shortest paths from  $s$  to all the other vertices in  $G$ . Note that this is faster than Dijkstra's algorithm in general.

**Solution.** We use dynamic programming to solve this problem. We denote the distance of shortest path from  $s$  to other vertex  $u$  by  $d(u)$ . The state transition equation is as following.

$$d(u) = \begin{cases} \min_{(v,u) \in E} \{d(v) + w(v,u)\}, & u \neq s \\ 0, & u = s \end{cases}$$

We can *depth – first – search* the graph from vertex  $s$  and compute the shortest paths along the way. The time complexity of this is  $O(|V| + |E|)$ .

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**Algorithm 3:** For undirected graphs

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**input :**  $G = (E, V)$ ,  $n = |V|$ ,  $w(u, v)$  as the weight of  $(u, v)$   
**output:**  $d$

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1  $d(1..n) \leftarrow \infty$ ;
2 DFS ( $u$ )
3   foreach  $(u, v) \in E$  do
4      $d(v) \leftarrow \min\{d(v), d(u) + w(u, v)\}$ ;
5     DFS ( $v$ );
6  $d(s) \leftarrow 0$ ;
7 DFS ( $s$ );
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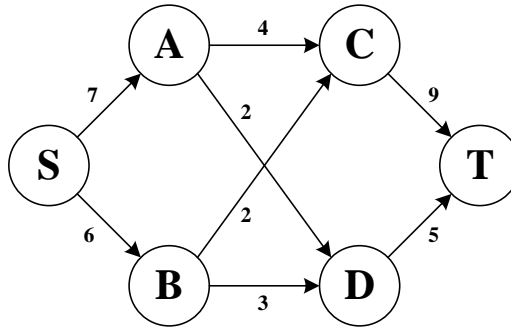
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- (b) Give an efficient algorithm to compute the longest paths from  $s$  to all the other vertices.

**Solution.** For this problem, we can simply change weights  $w(u, v)$  on each edge to its opposite number and compute the shortest path  $d[u]$  in this new graph. It's easy to know this current shortest path is the longest path in the original graph. In the end we just change  $d[u]$  to its opposite number and that's the longest path from  $s$  to  $u$ . The time complexity of this algorithm is  $O(|V| + |E|)$  which is linear.

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3. Consider the following network (the numbers are edge capacities).

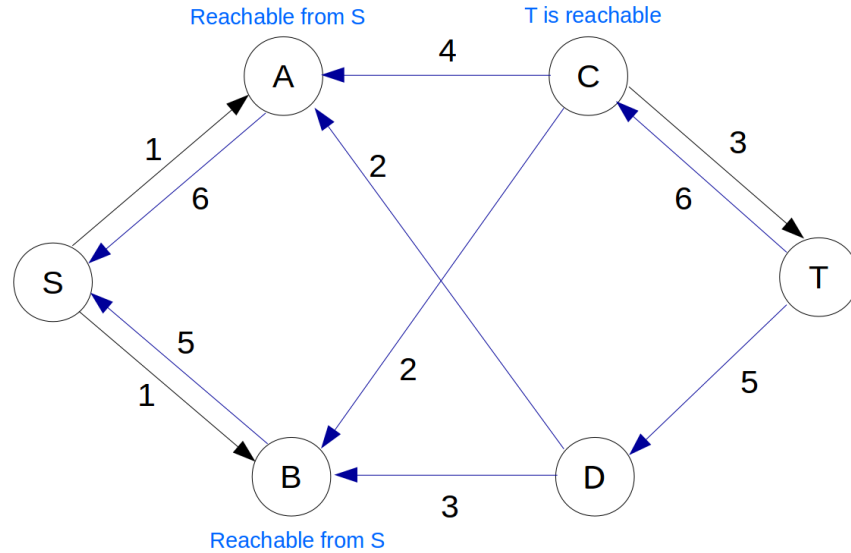


- (a) Find the maximum flow  $f$  and a minimum cut.

**Solution.** The maximum flow  $f = 11$ . A minimum cut is  $(S, A, B), (T, C, D)$ .

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- (b) Draw the residual graph  $G_f$  (along with its edge capacities). In this residual network, mark the vertices reachable from  $S$  and the vertices from which  $T$  is reachable.



- (c) An edge of a flow network is called a *bottleneck edge* if increasing its capacity results in an increase in the maximum flow. List all bottleneck edges in the above network and give an efficient algorithm to identify all bottleneck edges in a flow network. You need to give the notations and write down your algorithm in the form of pseudo-code.

**Solution.** All bottleneck edges in the above network are  $(A, C), (B, C)$ .

Algorithm: all edges that connect vertices reachable from  $S$  and vertices from which  $T$  is reachable are bottleneck edges, because if we add an edge  $(u, v)$  that satisfies that condition in the residual graph, then there exists an augment path:  $s \rightarrow u \rightarrow v \rightarrow t$ . Otherwise, no augment could be found.

We denote  $G = (E, V)$  as the original graph,  $G_R = (E_R, V)$  as the residual graph, and  $G_R^T = (E_R^T, V)$  as the reversed residual graph which changed the edges in  $G_R$  to the opposite direction.

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**Algorithm 4:** find-bottleneck-edges

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input :  $G, G_R$ 
output: the set of all bottleneck edges bottlenecks

1 bottlenecks  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
2 //  $A$ : points reachable from  $S$ 
3  $A \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
4 //  $B$ : points from which  $T$  is reachable
5  $B \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
6 depth - first - search  $G_R$  from  $S$  and put the visited points into  $A$ ;
7 depth - first - search  $G_R^T$  from  $T$  and put the visited points into  $B$ ;
8 foreach  $u \in A$  do
9   foreach  $(u, v) \in E$  do
10    if  $v \in B$  then
11      bottlenecks  $\leftarrow$  bottlenecks  $\cup \{(u, v)\}$ ;
12 output bottlenecks

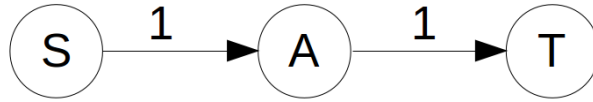
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- (d) Give a very simple example (containing at most four nodes) of a network which has no bottleneck edges.

**Solution.**



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- (e) An edge of a flow network is called *critical* if decreasing the capacity of this edge results in a decrease in the maximum flow. Give an efficient algorithm that finds all critical edges in a flow network. Again, you need to give the notations and write down your algorithm in the form of pseudo-code.

**Solution.** We denote  $G = (E, V)$  as the original graph,  $G_R = (E_R, V)$  as the residual graph, and  $G_R^T = (E_R^T, V)$  as the reversed residual graph which changed the edges in  $G_R$  to the opposite direction. Also, we denote  $A$  as the set of vertices reachable from  $S$ , and  $B$  as the set of vertices from which  $T$  is reachable.

Algorithm: critical edges are the edges  $(u, v)$  that  $u \notin B, v \notin A, (u, v) \notin G_R$ .

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**Algorithm 5:** find-bottleneck-edges

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input :  $G, G_R$ 
output: the set of all bottleneck edges bottlenecks

1 bottlenecks  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
2 //  $A$ : points reachable from  $S$ 
3  $A \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
4 //  $B$ : points from which  $T$  is reachable
5  $B \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
6 depth - frist - search  $G_R$  from  $S$  and put the visited points into  $A$ ;
7 depth - frist - search  $G_R^T$  from  $T$  and put the visited points into  $B$ ;
8 foreach  $u \notin B$  do
9   foreach  $(u, v) \in E$  do
10    if  $v \notin A$  and  $(u, v) \notin E_R$  then
11       $\text{bottlenecks} \leftarrow \text{bottlenecks} \cup \{(u, v)\}$ ;
12 output bottlenecks
  
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