

# Ambulance Dispatch

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## Chapter One: Introduction

In this project, we try to solve how to dispatch ambulance reasonably, in order to optimize the distribution.

In the theory of graph, we can represent cities by vertex. Under this background, Given the map of a city, with all the ambulance dispatch centers and all the pick-up spots marked. We are able to write a program to process the emergency calls using tools and concept in graph. And the work done below is the steps i try to complement this function.

To verify the cases, some explanation are as follow. To begin with, There are two integers,  $N_a$  and  $N_s$ , representing the number of pick-up spots and hospitals respectively. And edges, also considered as streets connecting spots and hospitals, are given with distance. Every hospital have a certain number of ambulances and can dispatch ambulances only if ambulance' s number is bigger than zero. When a call is coming, we should action to the call. First, we select nearest hospital, which remain has ambulances. If there exist one more cases, we consider number of ambulances. The hospital have more ambulances should dispatch with high priority. Finally, if there remain exists more than one cases, we take streets'

number we crossed into consideration. We select a route crossing less streets.

one possible input is as follow (comments is in parenthesis):

2(number of spots) 2(number of hospital)

1(ambulances in first hospital) 3(ambulances in second)

4(number of edges)

A-1 1 2(A-1 is connected to 1 and distance is 2)

1 A-2 3(same meaning as above)

A-2 2 4(same meaning as above)

2 A-1 1(same meaning as above)

3(calls number)

1 1 2(spots 1 1 2 are called for help as follow)

and output corresponding of this input is:

A-1 1(route)

2(distance)

A-2 1

3

A-2 2

4

## **Chapter 2: Algorithm Specification**

**function 1: main function**

```

int main(){
    int i,j;
    scanf("%d %d",&Ns,&Na);//input the number of spots and hospitals
    for(i=1;i<=Na;i++){
        H[i] = (struct hospital*)malloc(sizeof(struct hospital));//apply for space
        scanf("%d",&H[i]->Am);//number of ambulances
    }
    scanf("%d",&edge);//number of edges
    Init_Adj();//initial the adj matrixm, inwhich adj[i][i] is 0 and others are INF
    for(i=1;i<=edge;i++){
        InputRoute();//input route
    }
    for(i=1;i<=Na;i++)Dij(i);//Dijkstra for every hosptial,record path message and distance message
    scanf("%d",&call);//number of calls
    for(i=1;i<=call;i++){
        scanf("%d",&k);
        Print(k);//arange every route for every call
    }
}

```

By using module design ways, I break question into pieces. We will deal with input and output in turn.

First, we read in Na , Ns and Am, which are integers representing number of spots and hospital and number of ambulances in every hospital respectively. Then read in streets' number and create a graph by function "InputRoute" . Next step is to use Disjkstra algorithm for every hospital. Finally, we output result according Disjkstra algorithm.

## function 2: Init\_Adj()

```

void Init_Adj(){//initial the adj matrixm, in which adj[i][i] is 0 and others are INF
    int i,j;
    for(i=1;i<=Na+Ns;i++){
        for(j=1;j<=Na+Ns;j++){
            if(i==j){
                Adj[i][j]=0;//the distance from a vertexx to itself is zero
            }
            else {
                Adj[i][j]=INF;//the distance from a vertexx to others are infinite
            }
        }
    }
}

```

All the useful messages are store in adjacency matrix, and initial it is essential. We assign zero to Adj[i][i],and assign INF, which means distance is infinite, to other vertexes.

### function3: InputRoute()

```
void InputRoute(){
    int ve1,ve2,rank;
    char ch[10],ch1[10];
    scanf("%s",ch);//input as a string
    scanf("%s",ch1);
    scanf("%d",&rank);//the rank of every edge
    if(ch[0]!='A'){//when inputting is not a hospital
        ve1 = TurnToInt(ch);//convert string to integer
    }else{
        ve1 = TurnToInt(ch+2)+Ns;
    }
    if(ch1[0]!='A'){//when inputting is not a hospital
        ve2 = TurnToInt(ch1);//convert string to integer
    }else{
        ve2 = TurnToInt(ch1+2)+Ns;
    }
    Adj[ve1][ve2] = rank;//assign to the adjacency matrix
    Adj[ve2][ve1] = rank;//assign to the adjacency matrix
}
```

We read data as strings and invert strings to integer. Then we assign to adjacency matrix. After executing this function, we can get a graph represented by adjacency matrix.

### function 4:TurnToInt(char \*ch)

```
int TurnToInt(char *ch){//convert string to integer
    int sum=0,i=0;
    while(ch[i]!='\0'){//stop when read '\0'
        sum = sum*10 + ch[i]+0-'0';
        i++;
    }
    return sum; //return sum
}
```

This function is to convert a string to integer by a simple loop.

### function 5: CopyAdj()

```
void CopyAdj(){//copy adjacency matrix
    int i,j;
    for(i=1;i<=Na+Ns;i++){
        for(j=1;j<=Na+Ns;j++){
            Adj_f[i][j]=Adj[i][j];//assign to every element
        }
    }
}
```

Using this function is to copy a matrix same as adjacency matrix.

### function 6:Dij(int num)

```
void Dij(int num){//Dijkstra algorithm
    int j,i,ve;
    CopyAdj();//copy matrix
    for(i=1;i<=Na+Ns;i++){//initial hospital's message
        H[num]->dist[i]=Adj_f[num+Ns][i];
        if(H[num]->dist[i]<INF)//discuss different cases
            H[num]->path[i] = num+Ns;
        else
            H[num]->path[i] = -1;
        H[num]->know[i]=0;//when not be collected, assign 0
        H[num]->street[i]=0;//when cross streets are unnecessary
    }
    while(1){
        ve = FindMin(H[num]->dist,H[num]->know);//find minterm in dist[]
        if(ve==ERROR) break;//if the graph is all scanned
        H[num]->dist[ve]=Adj_f[num+Ns][ve];//assign the value to dist[]
        H[num]->know[ve] = 1;//ve is what we find as a nearest vertex
        for(i=1;i<=Na+Ns;i++){
            if(i != num+Ns){//except for hospital itself
                if(H[num]->know[i]==0&&Adj_f[ve][i]<INF){//if it's not be dealt
                    if(Adj_f[num+Ns][i]>Adj_f[num+Ns][ve]+Adj_f[ve][i])//update distance's message
                    {
                        Adj_f[num+Ns][i] = Adj_f[num+Ns][ve]+Adj_f[ve][i];
                        H[num]->dist[i] = Adj_f[num+Ns][ve]+Adj_f[ve][i];//memorize dist message
                        H[num]->path[i] = ve;//memorize the path message
                        H[num]->street[i] = H[num]->street[ve]+1;//memorize street message
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

This function is a version of Dijkstra algorithm.

The brief steps of this algorithm is to define two arrays, which considered as collected and distance.

For every loop, we find min distance of uncollected elements and memorize index. Then we update the distance for every uncollected vertex by index. Finally, we reset collected array and put index into it. After [V] times loop, we can find min distance.

In my function, we update streets' number and path at same time.

### function 7:Print(int call)

```
void Print(int call){//print result for every call
    int min_dist=INF;
    int min_street=INF;
    int max_Am=-1;
    int index=-1;
    int i,j,k;
    for(i=1;i<=Na;i++){//find minmum distance at first
        if(min_dist>H[i]->dist[call]&&H[i]->Am>0){//ensure this hospital has ambulance
            index = i;//record index
            min_dist = H[i]->dist[call];//update distance message
            min_street = H[i]->street[call];//update street message =
            max_Am = H[i]->Am;//update ambulance message
        }
    }
    if(index == -1){//if not be found, index is -1 and it means All busy
        printf("\nAll Busy");
        return;
    }
    for(i=1;i<=Na;i++){//keep ambulance number in mind,and update result
        if(min_dist==H[i]->dist[call]&&max_Am<H[i]->Am&&H[i]->Am>0){
            index = i;
            min_street = H[i]->street[call];
            max_Am = H[i]->Am;
        }
    }
}
```



```

for(i=1;i<=Na;i++){//keep street in mind,and update result
    if(min_dist==H[i]->dist[call1]&&max_Am==H[i]->Am&&H[i]->Am>0){
        if(min_street>H[i]->street[call1]){
            index = i;
            min_street = H[i]->street[call1];
        }
    }
}
(H[index]->Am)--;//reduce ambulance after every call
Outputpath(index,call1);//output result
printf("\n%d",H[index]->dist[call1]);//output distance
}

```

' This part is to print result of every call. And distance is considered first and ambulance number street crossed are considered in turn.

### function 10: OutputPath(int index,int call)

```

void Outputpath(int index,int call1){
    int stack[MAXSIZE];//define a stack to inverse the result
    int top=0;//stack's top
    if((flag++)==0)printf("A-%d",index);//adjust format of outputting
    else printf("\nA-%d",index);
    int i;
    for(i=call1;i!=index+Ns;i=H[index]->path[i])stack[top++]=i;//push into stack one by one
    for(i=top-1;i>=0;i--){//print result on the screen
        if(stack[i]>Ns)
            printf(" A-%d",stack[i]-Ns);
        else
            printf(" %d",stack[i]);
    }
}

```

We find a optimal index in advance steps. So we will print path in order at this part. To reverse the result, we use a stack to implement it.

summary: In my code, there are two key thoughts:

1) Dijkstra for every hospital rather than Dijkstra for spots ,and we can rearrange route according the data we get



from Dijkstra. They are path data, ambulance number, street number and distance.

2) We should keep in mind that if a hospital's ambulance are used out. It will convert to a normal vertex. So the output may have "A-xxx". For example, maybe one output is "A-3 3 1 2 A-2 6", which is a route from A-3 to 6.

### Data Structure:

(1) stack:

it is implemented by array. And it is designed to reverse the result:

code is as follow:

```
int stack[MAXSIZE]; //define a stack to inverse the result
int top=0; //stack's top
if((flag++==0)printf("A-%d",index)); //adjust format of outputting
else printf("\nA-%d",index);
int i;
for(i=call1;i!=index+Ns;i=H[index]->path[i])stack[top++]=i; //push into stack one by one
for(i=top-1;i>=0;i--){ //print result on the screen
    if(stack[i]>Ns)
        printf(" A-%d",stack[i]-Ns);
    else
        printf(" %d",stack[i]);
}
```

(2) structure data:

To simplify the question, i defined a structure hospital to store data of a hospital.

```
struct hospital{
    int path[MAXSIZE]; //
    int Am; //
    int dist[MAXSIZE]; //
    int know[MAXSIZE]; //
    int street[MAXSIZE];
}*H[100];
```

(3) Two-dimension array:

adjacency matrix is stores as a Two-dimension array

## Chapter 3: Testing Results

There are four main possibilities in the project:

(1) there do not exist any other strength cases

For example:

case1:Input:

```
7 3
3 2 2
16
A-1 2 4
A-1 3 2
3 A-2 1
4 A-3 1
A-1 4 3
6 7 1
1 7 3
1 3 3
3 4 1
6 A-3 5
6 5 2
5 7 1
A-2 7 5
A-2 1 1
3 5 1
5 A-3 2
8
6 7 5 4 6 4 3 2
```

output:

```

A-3 5 6
4
A-2 3 5 7
3
A-3 5
2
A-2 3 4
2
A-1 3 5 6
5
A-1 4
3
A-1 3
2
All Busy

```

case 2:input:

```

2 2
1 3
4
A-1 1 2
1 A-2 3
A-2 2 4
2 A-1 1
3
1 1 2

```

output:

```

A-1 1
2
A-2 1
3
A-2 2
4

```

(2) When the output have other hospitals

case 1:input:

```

1 10
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
10
A-1 A-2 1
A-2 A-3 1
A-3 A-4 1
A-4 A-5 1
A-5 A-6 1
A-6 A-7 1
A-7 A-8 1
A-8 A-9 1
A-9 A-10 1
A-10 1 1
11
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

```

output:

```
A-10 1
1
A-9 A-10 1
2
A-8 A-9 A-10 1
3
A-7 A-8 A-9 A-10 1
4
A-6 A-7 A-8 A-9 A-10 1
5
A-5 A-6 A-7 A-8 A-9 A-10 1
6
A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-8 A-9 A-10 1
7
A-3 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-8 A-9 A-10 1
8
A-2 A-3 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-8 A-9 A-10 1
9
A-1 A-2 A-3 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-8 A-9 A-10 1
10
All Busy
```

case 2:input:

```
1 3
1 1 1
3
A-1 A-2 5
A-3 A-2 5
A-2 1 5
4
1 1 1 1
```

output:

```
A-2 1
5
A-1 A-2 1
10
A-3 A-2 1
10
All Busy
```

(3) when we should make a decision according to the streets' number: We choose a hospital which will cross less streets.

case:input :

```

3 2
1 1
4
A-1 1 5
A-2 2 3
2 1 2
1 3 5
4
3 3 3 3

```

output:

```

A-1 1 3
10
A-2 2 1 3
10
All Busy
All Busy

```

(4) When we should make a decision according to the ambulances' number: We choose a hospital which has more ambulances.

case:input:

```

3 2
2 2
4
A-1 1 5
A-2 2 3
2 1 2
1 3 5
4
3 3 3 3

```

output:

```

A-1 1 3
10
A-2 2 1 3
10
A-1 1 3
10
A-2 2 1 3
10

```

(5) When the inputting scale is very large:

case:input:

1000 9

(..... omit most)

[illegible]

(..... omit other lines "All busy" )

And I will leave this test data in my folder "ReadMe.txt" ,you can copy it and run it by yourself directly.

## Chapter 4: Analysis and Comments

(1) Analyse and comments for the algorithm:

a) Time Complexity:

The Time Complexity depends on Dijkstra algorithm and Print function.

We use "n" to represent the Ns we input. Apparently,  $T(n) = \max\{T(\text{Dij}), T(\text{Print})\}$ . First, we consider  $T(\text{Dij})$ . In Dijkstra algorithm, for every call of this function, we scan all the vertexes, and should calculate  $O(n^2)$  times to loop and update every vertex' s distance in the graph. And for every hospital, we call this function, so time complexity becomes



$O(k \cdot n^2)$ , because hospitals number is smaller than ten, so  $T(\text{Dij}) = O(n^2)$ .

Next, we consider  $T(\text{Print})$ . Three times of scanning all the vertexes cost  $O(3 \cdot n)$ . And to output a path, we scan all vertex again, which cost  $O(n)$ . Therefore,  $T(\text{Print}) = O(3 \cdot n) + O(n) = O(n)$ .

Above all, time complexity of the code is  $\max\{T(\text{Dij}), T(\text{Print})\}$ , which is  $O(n^2)$ .  $T(n) = O(n^2)$ , in which  $n$  is the  $N$ s we input.

b) Space Complexity:

The space complexity of the whole process is determined by adjacency matrix and stack as follow:

```
int Adj[MAXSIZE][MAXSIZE];/  
int Adj_f[MAXSIZE][MAXSIZE]  
  
int stack[MAXSIZE];  
  
struct hospital{  
    int path[MAXSIZE];  
    int Am;  
    int dist[MAXSIZE];  
    int know[MAXSIZE];  
    int street[MAXSIZE];  
}*H[100];
```

It means we use  $5 \cdot \text{MAXSIZE} + 2 \cdot \text{MAXSIZE} \cdot \text{MAXSIZE}$  memory space to store int value. It has no relationship with  $n$ , so  $S(n) = O(1)$ .

we only use constant memory space of the computer when we execute the programmer.

c)Comments:

For this algorithm, I think both time complexity and space complexity is accepted. If we must optimize the algorithm, we can use min heap to store distance data ,and time complexity of search min distance can be reduced to  $O(n \cdot \log n)$ .

Appendix: Source Code(in C)

```
#include<stdio.h>

#include<stdlib.h>

#define INF 111111

#define MAXSIZE 10000

#define ERROR -1


struct hospital{

    int path[MAXSIZE];//memorize the path for each
verterx's father node

    int Am;          //memorize the number of
ambulances in this hospital

    int dist[MAXSIZE];//memorize the distance from
hospital to verterx
```

```
int know[MAXSIZE]; // memorize the node which is  
already be collected
```

```
int street[MAXSIZE]; // memorize the the number of  
streets that we must pass to reach the verterx  
}*H[100];
```

```
int Adj[MAXSIZE][MAXSIZE]; // adjacency matrix  
int Adj_f[MAXSIZE][MAXSIZE]; // auxiliary adjacency  
matrix
```

```
int Na, Ns, edge, k, call, flag; // Na is the number of  
hospital, Ns is spots, edge is edge, flag is to adjust the  
format of outputing
```

```
void Init_Adj(); // initial the adjacency matrix  
void InputRoute(); // input the edge and construct the  
graph
```

```
void Print(int k); // print the final consequence  
void CopyAdj(); // copy to assign to matrix "Adj_f"  
int TurnToInt(char *ch); // Turn a char to integer  
void Dij(int num); // Dijkstra algorithm  
int FindMin(int dist[], int know[]); // Find a min term of  
distance for a verterx
```

```
void Outputpath(int index,int call1);//output  
consequence
```

```
int main(){  
    int i,j;  
    scanf("%d %d",&Ns,&Na);//input the number of  
spots and hospitals  
    for(i=1;i<=Na;i++){  
        H[i] = (struct hospital*)malloc(sizeof(struct  
hospital));//apply for space  
        scanf("%d",&H[i]->Am);//number of ambulances  
    }  
    scanf("%d",&edge);//number of edges  
    Init_Adj();//initial the adj matrixm, inwhich adj[i][i] is  
0 and others are INF  
    for(i=1;i<=edge;i++){  
        InputRoute();//input route  
    }  
    for(i=1;i<=Na;i++)Dij(i);//Dijkstra for every  
hosptial,record path message and distance message  
    scanf("%d",&call);//number of calls  
    for(i=1;i<=call;i++){
```

```

scanf("%d",&k);
Print(k);//arange every route for every call
}
}

void Init_Adj(){//initial the adj matrixm, in which adj[i][i]
is 0 and others are INF
    int i,j;
    for(i=1;i<=Na+Ns;i++){
        for(j=1;j<=Na+Ns;j++){
            if(i==j){
                Adj[i][j]=0;//the distance from a verterx to
itself is zero
            }
            else {
                Adj[i][j]=INF;//the distance from a verterx
to others are infinite
            }
        }
    }
}

void InputRoute(){
    int ve1,ve2,rank;

```

```

char ch[10],ch1[10];
scanf("%s",ch);//input as a string
scanf("%s",ch1);
scanf("%d",&rank);//the rank of every edge
if(ch[0]!='A'){//when inputting is not a hospital
    ve1 = TurnToInt(ch);//convert string to integer
}else{
    ve1 = TurnToInt(ch+2)+Ns;
}
if(ch1[0]!='A'){//when inputting is not a hospital
    ve2 = TurnToInt(ch1);//convert string to integer
}else{
    ve2 = TurnToInt(ch1+2)+Ns;
}
Adj[ve1][ve2] = rank;//assign to the adjacency
matrix
Adj[ve2][ve1] = rank;//assign to the adjacency
matrix
}

int TurnToInt(char *ch){//convert string to integer
    int sum=0,i=0;
    while(ch[i]!='\0'){//stop when read '\0'

```

```

        sum = sum*10 + ch[i]+0-'0';
        i++;
    }
    return sum;//return sum
}

void CopyAdj(){//copy adjacency matrix
    int i,j;
    for(i=1;i<=Na+Ns;i++){
        for(j=1;j<=Na+Ns;j++){
            Adj_f[i][j]=Adj[i][j];//assign to every element
        }
    }
}

void Dij(int num){//Dijkstra algorithm
    int j,i,ve;
    CopyAdj();//copy matrix
    for(i=1;i<=Na+Ns;i++){//initial hospital's message
        H[num]->dist[i]=Adj_f[num+Ns][i];
        if(H[num]->dist[i]<INF)//discuss different cases
            H[num]->path[i] = num+Ns;
        else
            H[num]->path[i] = -1;
    }
}

```



```

        H[num]->know[i]=0;//when not be collected,
assign 0
        H[num]->street[i]=0;//when cross streets are
unnecessary
    }
    while(1){
        ve =
FindMin(H[num]->dist,H[num]->know);//find minterm in
dist[]

        if(ve==ERROR) break;//if the graph is all scanned
        H[num]->dist[ve]=Adj_f[num+Ns][ve];//assign
the value to dist[]

        H[num]->know[ve] = 1;//ve is what we find as a
nearest vertex

        for(i=1;i<=Na+Ns;i++){
            if(i != num+Ns){//except for hospital itself

                if(H[num]->know[i]==0&&Adj_f[ve][i]<INF){//if it's not
be dealt

                    if(Adj_f[num+Ns][i]>Adj_f[num+Ns][ve]+Adj_f[ve][i])//
update distance's message

```

```

        {
            Adj_f[num+N_s][i] =
Adj_f[num+N_s][ve]+Adj_f[ve][i];
            H[num]->dist[i] =
Adj_f[num+N_s][ve]+Adj_f[ve][i]; //memorize dist message
            H[num]->path[i] = ve; //memorize
the path message
            H[num]->street[i] =
H[num]->street[ve]+1; //memorize street message
        }
    }
}
}
}

int FindMin(int dist[],int know[]) { //find min term
    int i,min=INF-1,index=ERROR;
    for(i=1;i<=N_a+N_s;i++){
        if(min > dist[i] && know[i] == 0 &&
dist[i]>0) { //record the index of min term in uncollected
array
            min = dist[i];

```

```

        index = i;
    }
}
return index;//return index
}

void Print(int call1){//print result for every call
    int min_dist=INF;
    int min_street=INF;
    int max_Am=-1;
    int index=-1;
    int i,j,k;
    for(i=1;i<=Na;i++){//find minmum distance at first

        if(min_dist>H[i]->dist[call1]&&H[i]->Am>0){//ensure
this hospital has ambulance

            index = i;//record index
            min_dist = H[i]->dist[call1];//update distance
message
            min_street = H[i]->street[call1];//update
street message =
            max_Am = H[i]->Am;//update ambulance
message

```

```

    }
}

if(index == -1){//if not be found, index is -1 and it
means All busy

    printf("\nAll Busy");

    return;

}

for(i=1;i<=Na;i++){//keep ambulance number in
mind,and update result

    if(min_dist==H[i]->dist[call1]&&max_Am<H[i]->Am&
&H[i]->Am>0){

        index = i;

        min_street = H[i]->street[call1];

        max_Am = H[i]->Am;

    }

}

for(i=1;i<=Na;i++){//keep street in mind,and
update result

    if(min_dist==H[i]->dist[call1]&&max_Am==H[i]->Am
&&H[i]->Am>0){

```

```

        if(min_street>H[i]->street[call1]){
            index = i;
            min_street = H[i]->street[call1];
        }
    }
}

(H[index]->Am)--;//reduce ambulance after every
call

Outputpath(index,call1);//output result
printf("\n%d",H[index]->dist[call1]);//output
distance
}

void Outputpath(int index,int call1){
    int stack[MAXSIZE];//define a stack to inverse the
result
    int top=0;//stack's top
    if((flag++==0)printf("A-%d",index));//adjust format
of outputting
    else printf("\nA-%d",index);
    int i;
    for(i=call1;i!=index+Ns;i=H[index]->path[i])stack[to
p++]=i;//push into stack one by one

```

```
for(i=top-1;i>=0;i--){//print result on the screen
    if(stack[i]>Ns)
        printf(" A-%d",stack[i]-Ns);
    else
        printf(" %d",stack[i]);
}
}
```

### **Declaration**

I hereby declare that all the work done in this project is of my independent effort.