

CSCI 4470 Algorithms

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Before Single-Source Shortest Paths

Graph Types and Algorithms:

1. **Unweighted Graphs:** BFS is applicable.
 - If all weights are 1, BFS is efficient.
2. **Weighted Graphs:** Requires algorithms like Dijkstra or Bellman-Ford.

Examples and Variations:

1. Single-Destination Shortest Path:

1. **Single-Destination Shortest Path:** Reverse edges and solve as a single-source problem.
 - i. **Application:** Useful when multiple sources share a common destination.
 - ii. **Algorithmic Approach:** Reverse edges, solve as SSSP, and consider edge cases like negative cycles.

2. Single-Pair Shortest Path:

2. **Single-Pair Shortest Path:** Can be solved using single-source algorithms.
 - Find the shortest path between a specific pair of vertices (u, v) .

- **Approach:** Can be solved using single-source shortest path algorithms by considering u as the source.

3. All-Pair Shortest Path:

3. **All-Pair Shortest Path:** Run single-source algorithm for each vertex.

Key Terms:

- s : The source vertex from which all shortest paths are calculated.
- (s, u) : The shortest path from the source vertex s to another vertex u .
- (s, v) : The shortest path from the source vertex s to another vertex v .

Single-Source Shortest Path (SSSP)

Single-Source Shortest Path (SSSP): Focusing on weighted graphs, where the shortest path is not solely determined by the number of edges.

Goal: Find the shortest paths from a specific source vertex s to all other vertices in a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ with edge weights $w(u, v)$.

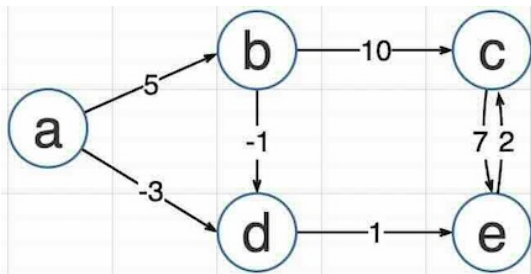
Given $G = (V, E)$ with weights $w(u, v)$ and a vertex s , find the shortest paths from s to all $v \in V$.

1. **Subset $G' = (V', E')$:** V' includes all vertices reachable from s .
2. **Shortest Paths:** For each $v \in V'$, find the unique, simplest, and minimum weight path from s to v in G .
 - A minimum weight path is referred to as a shortest path.

SSSP Example, Given $G(V, E)$ with $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and directed edges $E = \{(a, b, 5), (a, d, -3), (b, c, 10), (b, d, -1), (c, e, 7), (d, e, 1), (e, c, 2)\}$:

Vertices and Directed Edges:

- V : Set of vertices a, b, c, d, e .
- E : Set of directed edges with weights.



Single-Source Shortest Path (from a):

- s : Source vertex is a .
- (s, u) : Shortest path from a to u .
 - (s, u) : For $u = b$, path is $(a, b, 5)$.
- (s, v) : Shortest path from a to v .

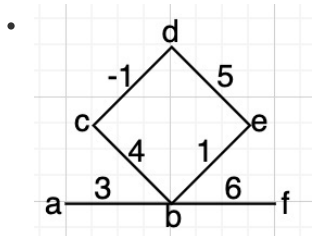
- (s, v) : For $v = e$, path is $(a, d, -3) \rightarrow (d, e, 1)$, total weight -2.

Negative Weight Edges and Cycles:

- The graph G can have negative weight edges
- If graph G has negative weight edges but no negative weight cycles, the shortest path is well defined
- If graph G has any negative weight cycles, the shortest path is no longer well defined

example, the graph G , vertex= $\{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$, edges= $\{(a, b, 3), (b, c, 4), (b, e, 1), (c, d, -1), (d, e, 5), (b, f, 6)\}$

1. **Negative Weights:** Algorithms like Bellman-Ford can handle these, but negative cycles create problems.
2. **Cycles:** They make the shortest path undefined.



- Can not have cycle in the shortest path, because make the shortest path undefined.
- Cycles also increase distance of the path.
- i.e., The shortest path of $d(a, f) = 3 + 6$, if there is a cycle as the diagram shown.
the shortest path of $d(a, f) = 3 + 6 + 9$, where $9 = 4 + 5 + 1 + (-1)$

Negative Cycles:

The Simple Path in a graph is one that doesn't revisit any vertices. In the context of shortest paths, it ensures no cycles are included, making the path truly the shortest.

Dashed Algorithm: This algorithm calculates the shortest distance between a single source and all vertices.

- No Negative weights and cycles in the algorithm
- **Bellman-Ford Algorithm:** This algorithm can detect negative cycles and is used when graphs have negative weights.

Notations

Proof of Single-Source Shortest Path: Let $p = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$ be any path in G :

- Denoted $v_0 \xrightarrow{p} v_k$
- $w(p)$ is the weight of p , then $w(p) = \sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$

Let u and v be any two vertices in G :

- If there exists a path from u to v in G $\delta(u, v) = \min\{w(p) \mid u \xrightarrow{p} v\}$
- Otherwise, $\delta(u, v) = \infty$

The graph G' has $w(p) = \delta(s, v)$ for every path p from s to v in V'

- G' will be a tree

Optimal Substructure

1. **Optimal Substructure:** Shortest paths contain shortest paths to intermediate vertices.

Lemma: Given a weighted directed graph $G = (V, E)$.

Let $p = \langle v_0, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$ be a shortest path from vertex v_0 to v_k and for any i, j such that $1 \leq i \leq j \leq k$.

Let v_i and v_j be the intermediate vertices. Let p_{ij} be the subpath of p from v_i to v_j . Then p_{ij} is a shortest path from v_i to v_j .

Proof: Decompose p into p_{0i}, p_{ij}, p_{jk}

$$p_{0 \rightarrow k} = v_0 \xrightarrow{p_{0i}} v_i \xrightarrow{p_{ij}} v_j \xrightarrow{p_{jk}} v_k$$

Assume: p_{0k} is the shortest path from v_0 to v_k , p_{ij} is not a shortest path from v_i to v_j and let p'_{ij} be a shorter path.

Derive a contradiction.

$$p'_{0 \rightarrow k} = v_0 \xrightarrow{p_{0i}} v_i \xrightarrow{p'_{ij}} v_j \xrightarrow{p_{jk}} v_k$$

$$w(p_{0k}) = w(p_{0i}) + w(p_{ij}) + w(p_{jk})$$

$$w(p'_{0k}) = w(p_{0i}) + w(p'_{ij}) + w(p_{jk})$$

$$\Rightarrow w(p_{0k}) > w(p'_{0k})$$

2. **Examples:** Demonstrated with specific weights and paths in the graph.

PROPERTIES OF SHORTEST PATHS AND RELAXATION

Triangle Inequality:

- For edge (u, v) , $\delta(s, v) \leq \delta(s, u) + w(u, v)$.

Upper Bound Property:

- $v.d$ (shortest path estimate) always upper bounds $\delta(s, v)$, remains unchanged once it equals $\delta(s, v)$.

No-path Property:

- If no path from s to v , then $v.d$ and $\delta(s, v) = \infty$.

Convergence Property:

- If $s \rightsquigarrow u \rightarrow v$ is a shortest path and $u.d = \delta(s, u)$ before relaxing (u, v) , then $v.d = \delta(s, v)$ after.

Path Relaxation Property:

- If a path $p = \langle v_0, \dots, v_k \rangle$ is shortest from v_0 to v_k and edges of p are relaxed in order, then $v_k.d = \delta(s, v_k)$.

Predecessor Subgraph Property:

- Once $v.d = \delta(s, v)$ for all v , a shortest-paths tree rooted at s forms.

These properties are essential for understanding shortest path algorithms like Dijkstra's and Bellman-Ford, and are derived from the relaxation process.

Algorithms

- **Bellman-Ford**, **SSSP in DAGs**, and **Dijkstra**, *All these algorithms share two subroutines and rely on several properties.*

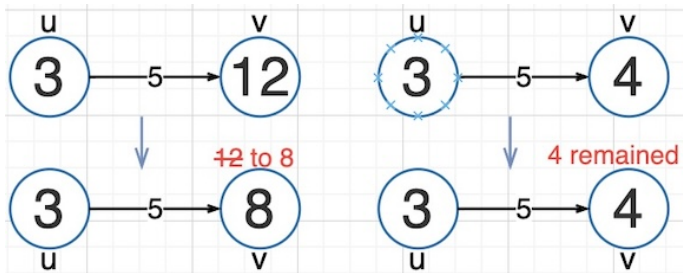
Initialize-Single-Source(G, s)

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01. //initialize .d and . $\pi$ 
02. for each vertex  $v$  in  $V$ 
03.      $v.d = \infty$ 
04.      $v.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
05.  $s.d = 0$ 
```

Relax(u, v, w)

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01. // update  $v.d$  and  $v.\pi$  if shorter path exists
02. if  $v.d > u.d + w(u, v)$ 
03.      $v.d = u.d + w(u, v)$ 
04.      $v.\pi = u$ 
```

- From u to v the shortest path is $3 + 5$
- Relaxing $v.d$ if $v.d$ is smaller than shortest path



The Bellman-Ford

1. Bellman-Ford Algorithm:

- Handles graphs with negative edge weights, detects negative cycles.
- **Complexity:** $O(V \cdot E)$ expensive due to repeated edge relaxations. Reports error if G
- Contains any negative weight cycles

Correctness of Bellman-Ford:

1. $v.d = \delta(s, v)$ for all $v \in V$.
2. Returns **TRUE** if no negative-weight cycles,
3. Returns **FALSE** otherwise

Key Steps:

- Initialize vertex distances to infinity, source distance to 0.
- Relax edges $V - 1$ times.
- Check for negative cycles.

Properties:

- Shortest paths are simple paths (no positive and negative cycles).
- Path length is at most $k - 1$ for k vertices.

Bellman-Ford Example:

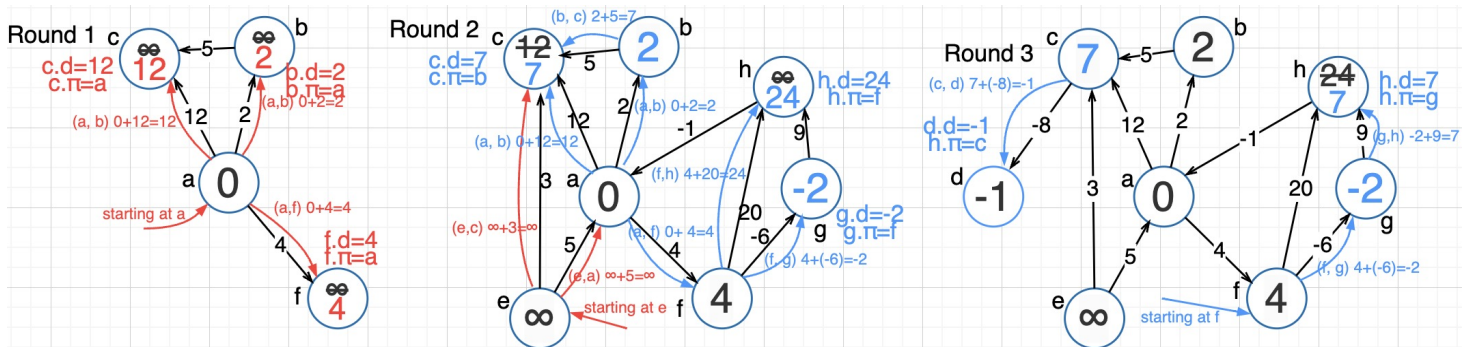
BELLMAN-FORD(G, W, s)

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01. INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $G, s$ ) // Line 1 takes  $O(V)$  time
02. for  $i = 1$  to  $|G.V| - 1$ 
03.   for each edge  $(u, v) \in G.E$ 
04.     RELAX( $u, v, w$ ) // Lines 2 - 4 take  $O(VE)$  time
05. for each edge  $(u, v) \in G.E$ 
06.   if  $v.d > u.d + w(u, v)$ 
07.     //  $G$  contains a negative weight cycle
08.   return FALSE // Lines 5 - 8 take  $O(E)$  time
09. return TRUE // Line 9 takes  $O(1)$  time

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Running time: Total is $O(V \cdot E)$



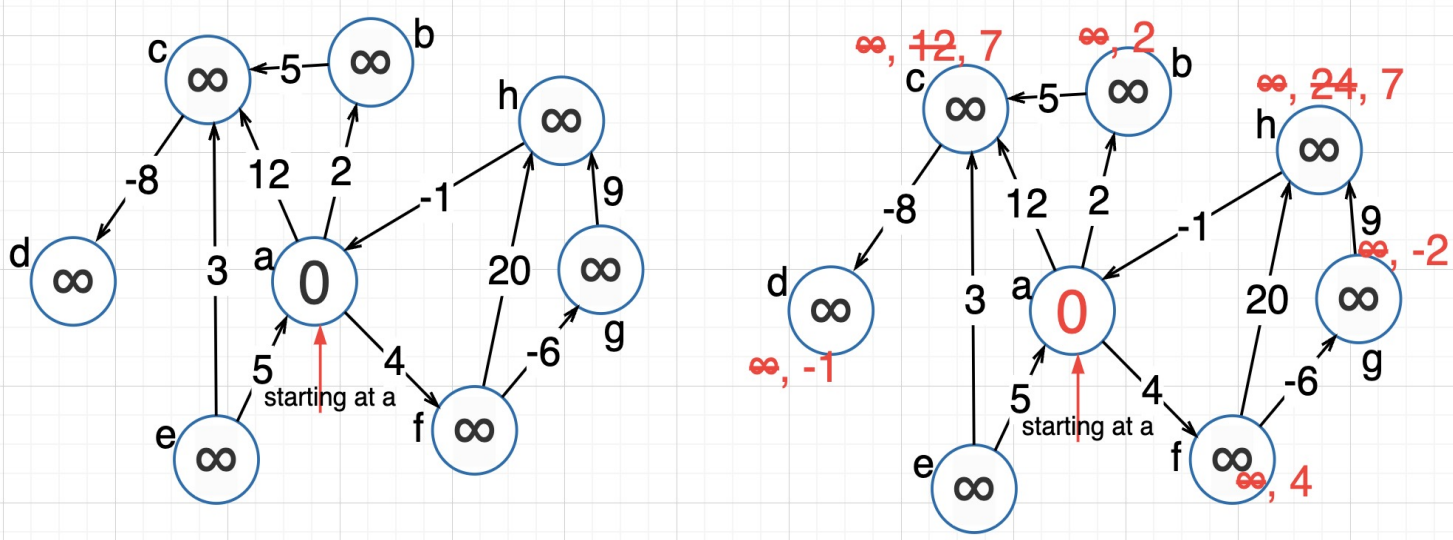
- Round 0 to 4 in the Table

| | $v.d, \text{round } 0 - 4$ | | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---|
| v | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| a | ∞ | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| b | ∞ | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| c | ∞ | 12 | 7 | 7 | |
| d | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | -1 | |
| e | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | |
| f | ∞ | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| g | ∞ | ∞ | -2 | -2 | |

| | v.d, round 0 - 4 | | | |
|---|------------------|----------|----|---|
| h | ∞ | ∞ | 24 | 7 |

- Round 4: No change (Can Stop)

Method2: For every iteration, to check all edges



| Iterations | (a, b) | (a, c) | (a, f) | (b, c) | (c, d) | (e, c) | (e, a) | (f, g) | (f, h) | (g, h) | (h, a) |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1st iteration | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2nd iteration | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

- Only need 2 iterations can find out the shortest path, $|V|-1$ sometimes not necessary.
- $\{(a = 0), (b = 2), (c = 7), (d = -1), (e = \infty), (f = 4), (g = -2), (h = 7)\}$

SSSP in DAGs

2. Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) Algorithm:

- Efficiently finds shortest paths in DAGs ONLY, No negative weight cycles
- Negative edge weights allowed
- Complexity:** $O(V + E)$, faster due to topological sorting.

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Dag-Shortest-Paths(G, w, s)
01. Topologically sort the vertices of G
02. Initialize-Single-Source(G,s)
03. for each vertex u, taken in topologically sorted order
04.     for each v ∈ G.Adj[u]
05.         Relax(u,v, w)
  
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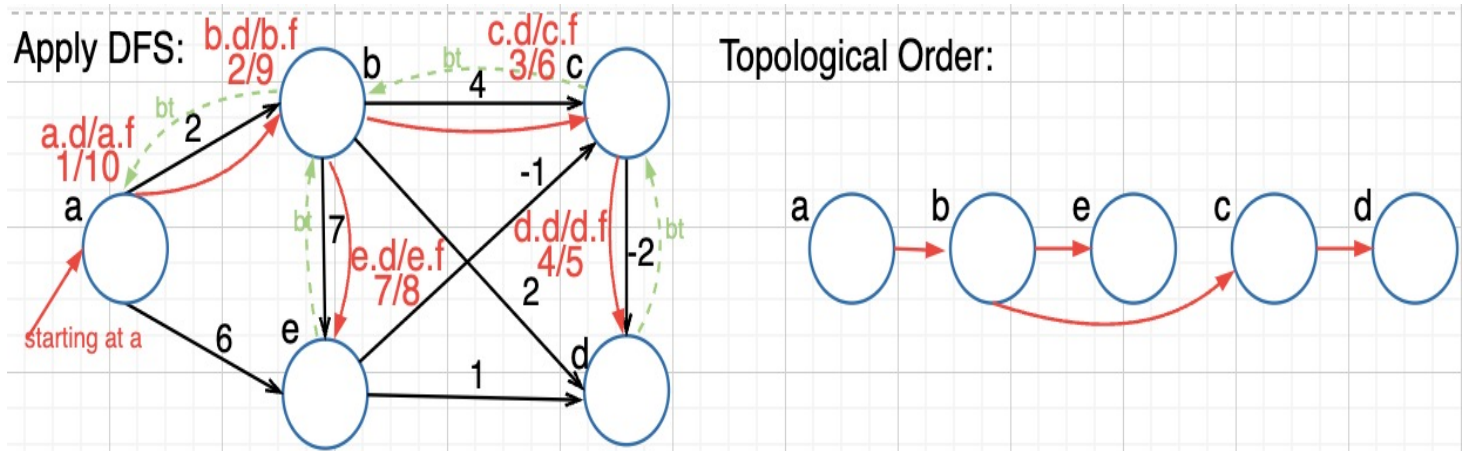
Key Steps:

- Perform topological sort.
- Relax edges in topological order.

DAG-Shortest-Paths(G, w, s) Example:

Given that $G(V, E)$, vertex = $\{a, b, c, d, e\}$, and the edges with weights =
 $\{(a, b, 2), (a, e, 6), (b, c, 4), (b, d, 2), (b, e, 7), (e, c, -1), (e, d, 1), (c, d, -2)\}$

1. Perform DFS(G) to find the topological order (use reverse alpha order)



2. Then Initialize Nodes, and Relax the Nodes in topological sorting order

| v | $v.d$ | $v.f$ | - | | 0 | 1 | $u.\pi$ |
|-----|-------|-------|---|---|----------|--|--------------------|
| a | 1 | 10 | - | a | 0 | 0 | Nil |
| b | 2 | 9 | - | b | ∞ | (a, b) $0 + 2 = 2$ | a |
| c | 3 | 6 | - | c | ∞ | (b, c) $2 + 4 = 6$ (e, c) $6 + (-1) = 5$ | b , e |
| d | 4 | 5 | - | d | ∞ | (e, d) $6 + (-2) = 4$ (c, d) $5 + (-2) = 3$ | e , c |
| e | 7 | 8 | - | e | ∞ | (a, e) $0 + 6 = 6$ | a |

- Starting at a , so relaxing from a, b , and a, e ...
- then b, e, c, d by the topological sorting order, it means the edges ONLY goes from left to right
- Each vertex only relaxes the edges from itself only 1 time, we can see that the topological sorting order is the shortest path in the example a, b, e, c, d is the $v.d = \delta(s, v_k)$
 - The relaxing in the Bellman-Ford() is $V - 1$ times which is $O(V \cdot E)$

Using DAG-Shortest-Paths Algorithm for PERT Charts Example:

Problem: Rather than looking for the shortest path, we want to know the longest path

Two strategies:

- Replace all weights $w(u, v)$ with $-w(u, v)$

- Initialize weights to $-\infty$ and relax to increase $v.d$ instead of decreasing

Dijkstra Algorithm

3. Dijkstra's Algorithm:

Greedy Algorithm: Similar to Prim's for minimum spanning trees.

Key Steps:

1. Initialize distances; source to 0, others to infinity.
2. Use a min-heap for vertices and distances.
3. Extract min, relax edges until the queue is empty.

Properties:

- Guarantees shortest paths in graphs with non-negative weights.
- Not suitable for negative weight edges.

Conditions: Weighted, directed graph G with no negative edges, best represented using adjacency lists.

Purpose: Finds shortest paths from a source to all vertices efficiently using a greedy approach.

Min-Heap: Utilizes a min-heap for efficient vertex selection with the smallest distance.

Complexity: $O((V + E) \log V)$ or $O(E \log V)$, efficient for graphs with non-negative weights.

- Involves:
 - Extracting min value from a priority queue (min-heap), $O(V \log V)$.
 - Relaxing edges and updating edge values in the priority queue, $O(E \log V)$.

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DIJKSTRA(G, w, s)
01. INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE(G, s)
// Initialize distances from source to all vertices // O(V)
02. S = ∅
// S, a set to store vertices whose final shortest-path weights from the source are already determined // O(1)
03. Q = ∅ // Priority queue Q to store all vertices of the graph // O(1)
04. for each vertex u ∈ G.V // O(V)
05.     INSERT(Q, u)
// Insert each vertex into the priority queue Q, // O(log V) for each vertex, total O(V log V)
06. while Q ≠ ∅ // The linear O(V)
07.     u = EXTRACT-MIN(Q)
// Extract vertex u with the smallest distance value from Q, // The Logarithmic O(log V) for each vertex, total O(V log V)
08.     S = S ∪ {u}
// Add u to the set S of vertices with finalized shortest-path weights // Constant O(1)
09.     for each vertex v in G.Adj[u]
// For each neighbor v of u, // The linear O(E), as each edge will be considered once
10.         RELAX(u, v, w)
// Relax the edge (u, v) to potentially find a shorter path from source to v through u // O(1)
11.         if the call of RELAX decreased v.d
12.             DECREASE-KEY(Q, v, v.d)
// If RELAX was successful in decreasing the distance value of v, update v's position in the priority queue, //
O(log V) for each decrease, total O(E log V)

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Explanation:

1. **Initialize Distances:** $O(V)$ - Initializing distances and predecessors for all vertices.
2. **Initialize Set S:** $O(1)$ - Creating an empty set.
3. **Initialize Priority Queue Q:** $O(1)$ - Creating an empty priority queue.
4. **For Each Vertex:** $O(V)$ - Iterating through each vertex.
5. **Insert into Priority Queue:** $O(\log V)$ per insertion, total $O(V \log V)$ - Inserting each vertex into the priority queue.
6. **While Loop:** $O(V)$ - In the worst case, every vertex is dequeued once.
7. **Extract Min:** $O(\log V)$ per extraction, total $O(V \log V)$ - Extracting the vertex with the minimum distance value.
8. **Add to Set S:** $O(1)$ - Adding a vertex to the set.
9. **For Each Neighbor:** $O(E)$ - In total, all adjacent vertices are considered.
10. **Relax Edge:** $O(1)$ - Relaxing an edge takes constant time.
11. **If Statement:** $O(1)$ - Checking a condition takes constant time.
12. **Decrease Key:** $O(\log V)$ per decrease, total $O(E \log V)$ - Updating a vertex's position in the priority queue.

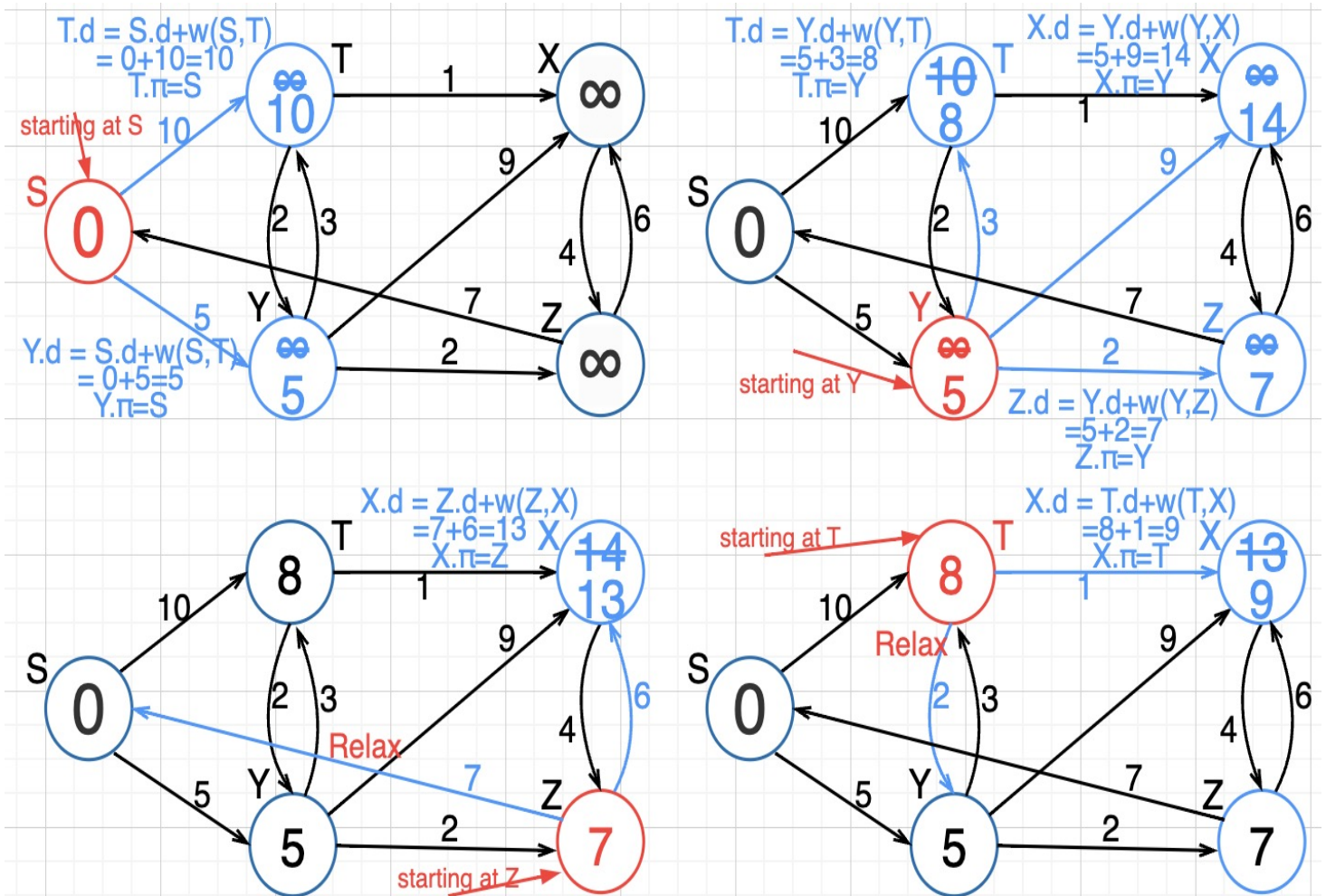
Example: Dijkstra's Algorithm

Given Graph $G(V, E)$: Vertices: $\{S, Y, Z, T, X\}$, Edges with weights: $(S, T, 10), (S, Y, 5), (T, Y, 2), (Y, T, 3), (Y, Z, 2), (Y, X, 9), (Z, X, 6), (Z, S, 7), (T, X, 1), (X, Z, 4)$

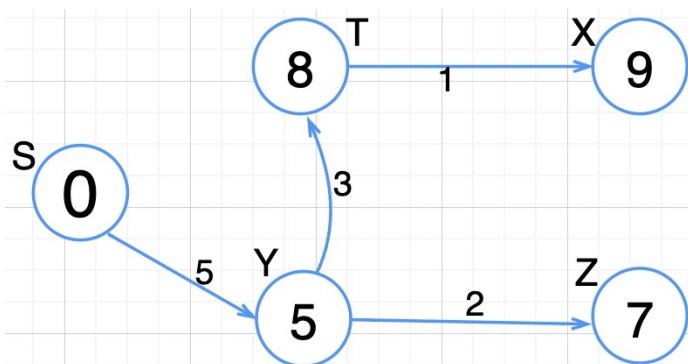
Dijkstra Algorithm: Tracing. What is the shortest path from S to X ?? To find the shortest path from S to X using Dijkstra's Algorithm

1. Initialization:

- Starting from vertex S , , Set $S.d = 0$ (distance from source to source is 0).
- For all other vertices V , set $V.d = \infty$ and $V.\pi = \text{NIL}$.
- $S.\pi$ is not defined as S is the starting point.
- The vertex S keep s tracking of all vertices that its visited.



- The shortest path from S to X , Removed all paths that are not belonged to the shortest path in the graph



| Step | Vertex | d | π | Visited | Min d | Operation | Note |
|------|--------|----------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| Init | S | 0 | NIL | No | 0 | Initialize | Start at S |
| Init | Y | ∞ | NIL | No | | | |
| Init | Z | ∞ | NIL | No | | | |
| Init | T | ∞ | NIL | No | | | |
| Init | X | ∞ | NIL | No | | | |
| 1 | S | 0 | NIL | Yes | 0 | Visit | Update Y, T |

| Step | Vertex | d | π | Visited | Min d | Operation | Note |
|------|--------|----|-------|---------|-------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1 | Y | 5 | S | No | | Relax | |
| 1 | T | 10 | S | No | | Relax | |
| 2 | Y | 5 | S | Yes | 5 | Visit | Update T, Z, X |
| 2 | T | 8 | Y | No | | Relax | |
| 2 | Z | 7 | Y | No | | Relax | |
| 2 | X | 14 | Y | No | | Relax | |
| 3 | Z | 7 | Y | Yes | 7 | Visit | No update |
| 4 | T | 8 | Y | Yes | 8 | Visit | Update X |
| 4 | X | 9 | T | No | | Relax | |
| 5 | X | 9 | T | Yes | 9 | Visit | Path to X finalized |

Theorem Proof:

Dijkstra's algorithm, run on a weighted directed graph $G=(V, E)$ with nonnegative edge weights, terminates with $v.d = \delta(s, v)$ for all v in V .

By Induction prove that $v.d = \delta(s, v)$ for all v in S is the shortest path in the graph G .

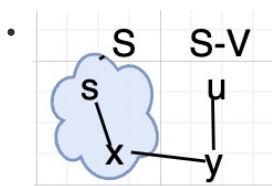
- The goal is to prove that the calculated distances converge to the shortest paths upon algorithm termination.
- The proof is based on induction, with two main parts:
 - Base Case:** Initially, the set S (vertices with finalized shortest-path weights) is empty, and the base case holds trivially. When the source vertex is added to S , its distance is correctly initialized to 0.
 - Inductive Step:** Assume that for all vertices in S , the calculated distance is equal to the shortest path distance. When a new vertex u is dequeued from the heap, the goal is to show that the distance of u has converged to the shortest path distance.

S: Set of nodes with finalized shortest paths from the start.

For proof, Assume that vertex s and x are in the Set S

S-V: Set of nodes with tentative shortest paths, yet to be finalized.

For proof, Assume that vertex y and u is in the set $S - V$



In the Induction Proof: $s.d = \delta(s, s) = 0$,

- Base Case: $S = \emptyset$, and $S = \{s\}$
- $v.d = \delta(s, v)$ for all the vertices in S

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06. while Q ≠ ∅
07.     u = EXTRACT-MIN(Q)

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in the code `u = EXTRACT-MIN(Q)` , when Dequeue the Vertex `u` from the min-heap

$$u.d = \delta(s, u)$$

$$u.d \leq y.d, \delta(s, u) \leq u.d \text{ (upper bound properties)}$$

$$\delta(s, y) \leq \delta(s, u), y.d = \delta(s, y)$$

$$\delta(s, y) \leq \delta(s, u) \leq u.d \leq y.d = \delta(s, y)$$

$$\delta(s, y) = \delta(s, u) = y.d = u.d, u.d = \delta(s, u)$$

Linear Programming in Graphs

Objective and Form:

- Optimize a linear objective function subject to linear constraints.
- $Ax \leq b, x \geq 0$, where c, x are coefficient vectors, A is a coefficient matrix, and b is a constant vector.
- Form: $\min/\max \sum_{i=1}^n C_i X_i$

Key Concepts:

- **Objective Function:** Function to minimize/maximize.
- **Constraints:** Linear inequalities defining feasible region.
- **Feasible Region:** All points satisfying constraints.
- **Optimal Solution:** Point minimizing objective function in feasible region.

Constraint Graph Construction:

- Vertices for variables, edges for constraints.
- Extra vertex v_0 with 0-weight edges to others.

Example Constraint Graph:

- Vertices: v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots for x_1, x_2, \dots
- Edges: Directed, weighted, representing constraints.

Solving the Problem:

1. **Create Vertices:** For each X_i , create V_i .
2. **Add Source Vertex:** Add V_0 .
3. **Connect Source to All:** Connect V_0 to all V_i with 0-weight
4. **Add Edges for Constraints:** For each $X_j - X_i \leq b_k$, add edge $V_i \rightarrow V_j$ with weight b_k .

Direction of Edges in Constraint Graph

To determine the direction of edges in the constraint graph for inequalities $X_j - X_i \leq b_k$:

1. **Rearrange Inequality:** If necessary, rearrange to $X_i \leq X_j + b_k$.

2. **Direct Edge:** Draw an edge from X_i to X_j with weight b_k .

Solving the Problem:

- Convert to shortest path problem, run Bellman-Ford from v_0 .
- Shortest paths give variable values.

Key Points:

- **Negative Weight Cycles:** No solution if present.
- **Shortest Paths:** Represent solution.
- **Bellman-Ford Algorithm:** Handles negative weights.

Linear Programming in Graphs_

Objective:

- Optimize linear function $\sum C_i X_i$ within constraints.

Constraints:

- Represented by $Ax \leq b, x \geq 0$.

Key Concepts:

- **Feasible Region:** Set of points satisfying constraints.
- **Optimal Solution:** Point in feasible region that optimizes the function.

Graph Construction:

- Create vertices for variables and edges for constraints.
- Use a source vertex v_0 connected to all others with zero weight.

Solving:

- Transform to shortest path problem, use Bellman-Ford algorithm from v_0 .
- Solutions reflected in shortest paths from v_0 .

Key Points:

- **Negative Weight Cycles:** Indicate no solution.
- **Bellman-Ford:** Suitable for negative weights.

Example Constraint Graph:

- Vertices: v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots representing x_1, x_2, \dots
- Edges: Represent constraints, directed and weighted.

1. Convert Inequalities to Graph:

- Turn linear inequalities $X_j - X_i \leq b_k$ into a directed graph: variables X_1, \dots, X_n as vertices V_1, \dots, V_n , add V_0 .

2. Zero-Weight Edges:

- Link V_0 to all vertices with zero-weight edges.

3. Find Shortest Paths:

- Obtain X_1, \dots, X_n values by finding shortest paths from V_0 to all vertices.

The Given System of Inequalities for all constraints $X_j - X_i \leq b_k$

$$\text{subject to } \begin{cases} X_1 - X_2 \leq 0 \\ X_1 - X_5 \leq -1 \\ X_2 - X_5 \leq 1 \\ -X_1 + X_3 \leq 5 \\ -X_1 + X_4 \leq 4 \\ -X_3 + X_4 \leq -1 \\ -X_3 + X_5 \leq -3 \\ -X_4 + X_5 \leq -3 \end{cases}$$

Step 1. **Create Vertices:** For each variable X_i , create a vertex V_i in the graph.

- **Vertices:** $V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5$

Step 2. **Add a Source Vertex:** Add an additional vertex V_0 which will act as a source vertex.

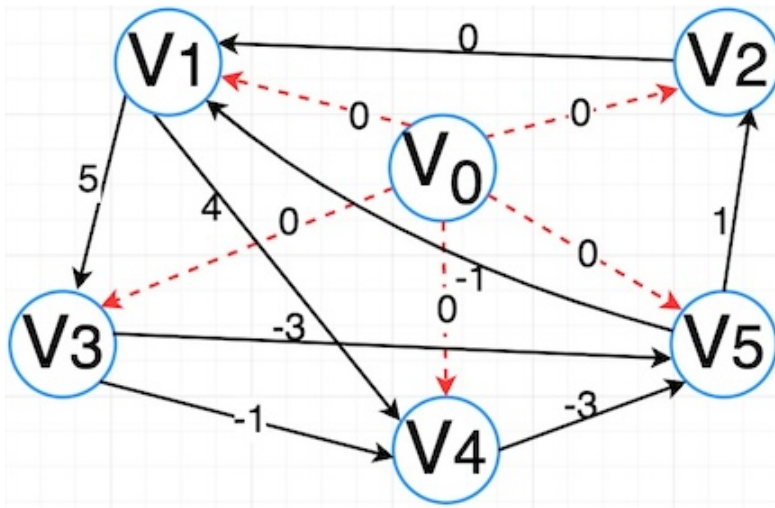
- A new Source Vertex V_0

Step 3. **Connect Source to All Vertices:** Connect V_0 to all other vertices V_i with edges of weight 0.

- **Connect V_0 to All Vertices:** Add edges with weight 0 from V_0 to V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5 .

Step 4. **Add Edges for Constraints:** For each constraint $X_j - X_i \leq b_k$, add a directed edge from vertex V_i to vertex V_j with weight b_k .

- **Add Edges for Constraints:**
 - $X_1 - X_2 \leq 0$: Add edge from V_2 to V_1 with weight 0.
 - $X_1 - X_5 \leq -1$: Add edge from V_5 to V_1 with weight -1.
 - $X_2 - X_5 \leq 1$: Add edge from V_5 to V_2 with weight 1.
 - $-X_1 + X_3 \leq 5$: Add edge from V_1 to V_3 with weight 5.
 - $-X_1 + X_4 \leq 4$: Add edge from V_1 to V_4 with weight 4.
 - $-X_3 + X_4 \leq -1$: Add edge from V_4 to V_3 with weight -1.
 - $-X_3 + X_5 \leq -3$: Add edge from V_5 to V_3 with weight -3.
 - $-X_4 + X_5 \leq -3$: Add edge from V_5 to V_4 with weight -3.



Solving the Problem:

- Convert to a shortest path problem.
- Run Bellman-Ford algorithm starting from v_0 .
- Shortest paths from v_0 give the values of variables.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ X_4 \\ X_5 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Result: $x = \{-5, -3, 0, -1, -4\}$