

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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## This Week

### Weekly Assignment

- 20 Questions Animal Game
- Binary trees
- Arbitrary length strings is **extra credit** and easy!

### Weekly Lab

- Short lecture on makefiles
- Implement some graph algorithms

Reading: Bailey Chapter 16

## Strong Connectivity

**Question:** How do we test if a graph is strongly connected?

**Answer:** (1) Run a search, without restarting from an arbitrary vertex  $s$  and see if all vertices get marked. (2) Reverse all of the edges in the graph. (3) Run a second search, without restarting, from  $s$  and see if all vertices are marked. The graph is strongly connected iff both searches mark all vertices

**Runtime:**  $O(n+m)$

## The Single Source Shortest Path Problem (SSSP)

**Input:** A graph with weighted edges and a start vertex  $s$ .

**Output:** The collection of shortest paths from  $s$  to every vertex in the graph reachable from  $s$

## SSSP Observation

- The collection of all shortest paths form a tree, called the shortest path tree
- If all edges have the same positive weight, then the problem is solved by BFS

## SSP Algorithms

**Dijkstra's Algorithm:** Used when all of the edges have non-negative weights

Runtime:  $O((n+m) \log n)$

**Bellman-Ford Algorithm:** Used when negative edge weights are possible, but no negative cycles

Runtime:  $O(nm)$

## Dijkstra's Algorithm

### Variables:

```
graph G           // The graph
vertex_t s        // The starting vertex
double length[n][n] // Edge length
double dist[n]    // Current best distance
pqqueue Q         // PQ (vertex_t, double)
```

## Dijkstra's Algorithm

Set  $\text{dist}[v]$  to  $\infty$  for all  $v$ , except  $\text{dist}[s] = 0$

Add  $s$  to  $Q$  with priority  $0.0$

loop while  $Q$  is not empty

    get vertex  $cur$  with min priority  $d$

    if  $d \leq \text{dist}[cur]$ :

        for each out going edge  $cur \rightarrow v$ :

            if  $\text{dist}[cur] + \text{length}[cur][v] < \text{dist}[v]$ :

$\text{dist}[v] = \text{dist}[cur] + \text{length}[cur][v]$

$\text{parent}[v] = cur$

                Add  $v$  to  $Q$  with new priority  $\text{dist}[v]$

# Dijkstra Example

(On Board)