# CSC401/501 HW3 Programming Part Map Routing

• Deadline: 11:59pm, March 12 Sunday, 2017, by blackboard submission

• Total: 100 points

o Basic Dijkstra's algorithm : 50 points

o Priority queue: 30 points

o Efficiency and Correctness: 20 points

• Please finish in group of two. Please get started today. Good luck!

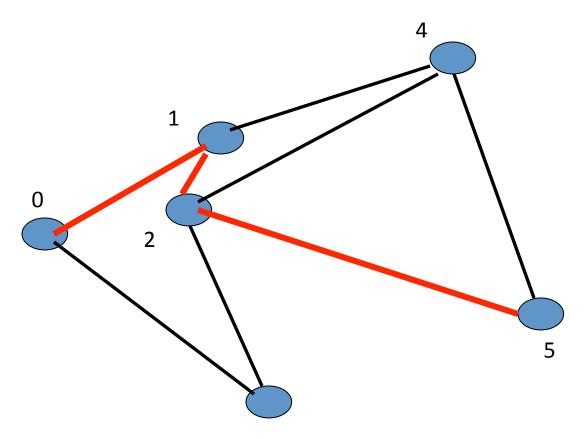
# **Programming Description:**

In this homework, we will implement Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm. This algorithm is widely used in geographic information systems (GIS) including MapQuest and GPS-based car navigation systems.

**Maps.** Maps are graphs whose vertices as cities and edges as the roads connecting them. The edge weights are the distances between cities. To represent a map in a file, we list the number of vertices and edges, then list the vertices (index followed by its x and y coordinates), then list the edges (pairs of vertices). For example, below is an example of a map with 6 cites.

1 4 2 4

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**A map query** asks: given a starting city and a destination city, what is the shortest path to take (i.e., the sequence of intermediate cities to travel) to take? And what is the shortest distance of this path?

For example: above map shows that to go from city 0 to city 5, the shortest path to follow is 0-1-2-5, with shortest distance between city 0 and 5 is 6274.

#### Your task:

- Implement the basic Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm
- However, the priority queue data structure, which if implemented together with the Dijkastra's algorithm, can dramatically improve the running time of the algorithm.

### **Suggested Steps:**

- 1. Understand well how to initialize the graph data structure (adjacent list) and read into a USA map (provided in the blackboard). You can test if it is done correctly by printing out the graph.
- 2. Implement the basic Dijkstra's algorithm and test it.
- 3. Augment it using priority queue and test it.

## **Handin Instruction:**

Please submit through the blackboard your .zip file: 401\_501\_HW3\_proj\_lastnameoffirststudent\_lastnameofsecondstudent.zip

The .zip file above should include the following files:

- 1. your program source code
- 2. readme file: including instruction of how to compile and run your program, and anything you would like the instructor know regarding your work.

## Format required for testing:

When executed, your program should prompt to ask the source city and destination city; when I input them, it will tell me the sequence of cities to travel (including the source city and destination city) and the distance of this travel.