

# Bellman - Ford vs Dijkstra

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# INTRODUCTION

## Dijkstra

- Computes shortest path
- Does not allow negative weight edges
- Time Complexity:  $O(V^2)$

## Bellman-Ford

- Computes shortest path
- Allows negative weight edges
- Time Complexity:  $O(VE)$

# Scope

- Compare the various implementation of Dijkstra's and Bellman-Ford's algorithms to determine case usage and optimization
- Implement various forms and test against various working sets
- Analyze the results of each tests to determine behavior from each implementation that may not be apparent
- Find best case situations for each form



RESEARCH

# A Distributed Power Routing Method between Regional Markets based on Bellman-Ford Algorithm [1]

- Implementation of the Bellman-Ford Algorithm for practical application in the real world
- Focused the problem of routing power through regional markets that have been deregulated
- The cheapest route needed to be selected for power exchange
- The Bellman-Ford Algorithm was implemented to determine the cheapest route and to develop the convergence analysis

# Extended Dijkstra algorithm and Moore-Bellman-Ford algorithm [2]

- Discusses extended versions of Dijkstra's and Bellman-Ford's algorithms for general single-source shortest path problems
- Shows that the extended Dijkstra's algorithm is  $O(n^2)M(n)$
- Shows that the extended Bellman-Ford's algorithm is  $O(mn)M(n)$
- Some applications of these implementation are also explored

# Randomized Speedup of the Bellman-Ford Algorithm [3]

- While using the Bellman-Ford Algorithm, they randomly permute the vertices
- This implementation works to reduce the worst-case for the number of relaxation steps
- Additionally, adds in negative cycle detection



# Optimizing Dijkstra for real-world performance [4]

- Introduces an alternative queue design to the original Fibonacci Heap to speed up the algorithm
- The prototype implementation is twice as fast as the “Boost implementation”
- The code for this specific implementation is publicly available

# SHORTEST PATH WITH DYNAMIC WEIGHT IMPLEMENTATION USING DIJKSTRA'S ALGORITHM [5]

- Used street routes as a graph to apply the Dijkstra algorithm
- They demonstrated both one-way and two-way graphs
- Concludes that Dijkstra's algorithm is not suitable to solve two-way graphs with dynamic weights
- Claims no performance drawbacks from recalculating the shortest path at every change

# Bellman-Ford: Brilliant.com [6]

- Designed to find the shortest path between two points on a graph
- Does not work if graph contains a negative cycle
  - However, the algorithm can be used to detect negative cycles
- Uses principle of relaxation
  - Continuously shortens the distance between vertices
  - Bad ordering can cause exponential relaxations

# Use Cases of Bellman-Ford: Programiz.com [7]

- B-F can be used to solve problems in cashflow, movement of heat, etc.
- The algorithm works by overestimating the path length, then iteratively relaxing the estimates by finding shorter paths
- Similar to Dijkstra's algorithm, but BF goes through every edge in every iteration

## Comparisons: IJPTT: “A survey paper...”[8]

- Bellman-Ford has a built-in functionality to find out if there is no solution to a shortest path problem
  - Done by detection of negative cycles, which continually decrease distance to negative infinity
- The simplest implementation of Bellman-Ford is  $O(|V| \cdot |E|)$
- Dijkstra's algorithm can only be used if no negative distances exist within the graph
- The simplest implementation of Dijkstra is  $O(|V|^2)$

# CMU Lecture [9]

- Dijkstra's algorithm does not work with negative edges because it does not correctly measure distances
- Bellman-Ford solves this issue by adding the vertices one by one arbitrarily

## Application: IRJET [10]

- By using Bellman-Ford or Dijkstra's algorithm, it is possible to find the best route to take given a GPS position and a map containing a set of roads that act as edges, and intersections that act as vertices
- As real-world distance is non-negative, both algorithms are valid
- Ultimately, Dijkstra's algorithm appeared to be more efficient in this case than Bellman-Ford

# Modified Dijkstra Algorithm with Invention Hierarchies Applied to a Conic Graph [11]

- Goes over a modified version of the Dijkstra Algorithm
- Utilizes an “inventive contraction hierarchy” to increase efficiency
- Creates new path using edge difference for the minimum edge pair and its neighbour



# Dynamic Scope-Based Dijkstra's Algorithm [12]

- Focus on scope for dynamic applications of Dijkstra's Algorithm
- Looks at road networks that may be dynamic in nature (they change over time)
- Also takes into consideration the size of the network when considering the effectiveness of the algorithm

# An Investigation of Dijkstra and Floyd Algorithms in National City Traffic Advisory Procedures [13]

- Focuses on the implementation of the Dijkstra algorithm for city traffic control
- The goal was to produce efficient and optimal traffic rules and procedures
- Analyzed time and cost parameters across cities in China

# An application of Dijkstra's Algorithm to shortest route problem. [14]

- Focuses on an application of the Dijkstra's Algorithm in the transportation of goods and products
- An incredibly practical example of the application of the Dijkstra's Algorithm for a real word company
- Presents exact solution to the present problem

# Dijkstra's algorithm revisited: the dynamic programming connexion [15]

- Attempts to remove the idea that Dijkstra's algorithm is a “greedy” algorithm
- Brings in a dynamic framework to make this argument
- They imply that, through this argument, Dijkstra's algorithm can be added to the dynamic programming index



# CONCLUSION

# Deliverables

- Coded implementation of various forms of the two algorithms we have found
- Data pertaining to the results of each implementation across various working sets
- 10 page paper analyzing the data that we have produced

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