Advanced Shortest Path Problems

Based on Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

13 Problems with Detailed C++ Solutions

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Original Problem Reference

Base Problem: Discount via Central City V

A logistics company manages a delivery network represented as a weighted directed graph. Each node is a city, and each edge is a direct road with a specific cost. The government gives a discount: vehicles passing through city V get a discount of 1 unit to each road cost (edge weights reduce by 1 if path passes through V).

Input Format:

```
n m
a₁ b₁ c₁
...
aₘ bₘ cₘ
V
q
a₁ b₁
...
a_q b_q
```

Constraints: $1 \le n \le 500$, $1 \le m \le n^2$, $1 \le c \le 10^9$

Problem 1: Bidirectional Discount

If a path passes through city **V**, then **all edges on that path** get a discount of 1 unit, but only if the original edge weight is > 1. Edge weights cannot become negative.

Sample Input:

```
4 5
0 2 5
0 1 3
1 2 3
0 3 7
2 3 2
1
2
0 2
0 3
```

Sample Output:

```
4
5
```

Solution:

Time Complexity: $O(n^3)$
Space Complexity: $O(n^2)$

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
typedef long long ll;
const ll INF = 1e18;

vector<vector<ll>> floydWarshall(vector<vector<ll>>& dist, int n) {
    for (int k = 0; k < n; k++)
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
            for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
                if (dist[i][k] != INF && dist[k][j] != INF)
                    dist[i][j] = min(dist[i][j], dist[i][k] + dist[k][j]);
    return dist;
}

int main() {
    int n, m;
    cin >> n >> m;

    vector<vector<ll>> dist(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    vector<vector<ll>> original(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) dist[i][i] = original[i][i] = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        int a, b, c;
        cin >> a >> b >> c;
        dist[a][b] = original[a][b] = c;
    }
```

```
    int V;
    cin >> V;

    // Create discounted graph
    vector<vector<ll>> discounted(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            if (original[i][j] != INF) {
                discounted[i][j] = max(0LL, original[i][j] - 1);
            }
        }
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) discounted[i][i] = 0;

    // Compute all pairs shortest paths
    vector<vector<ll>> dist_normal = floydWarshall(dist, n);
    vector<vector<ll>> dist_discounted = floydWarshall(discounted, n);

    // For each pair, consider path through V with discount
    vector<vector<ll>> result(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            result[i][j] = dist_normal[i][j];
            if (dist_normal[i][V] != INF && dist_normal[V][j] != INF) {
                ll throughV = dist_normal[i][V] + dist_normal[V][j];
                result[i][j] = min(result[i][j], throughV);
            }
            if (dist_discounted[i][V] != INF && dist_discounted[V][j] != INF) {
                ll discountedThroughV = dist_discounted[i][V] + dist_discounted
                result[i][j] = min(result[i][j], discountedThroughV);
            }
        }
    }

    int q;
    cin >> q;
    while (q--) {
        int a, b;
        cin >> a >> b;
        if (result[a][b] == INF) cout << -1 << "\n";
        else cout << result[a][b] << "\n";
    }
```

```
    return 0;
}
```

Problem 2: Time-Limited Discount

Discount is only valid if the vehicle passes through city **V within the first k edges** of its path.

Sample Input:

```
4 5
0 2 5
0 1 3
1 2 3
0 3 7
2 3 2
1
2
2
0 2
0 3
```

Sample Output:

```
4
6
```

Solution:

```
// DP approach with limited path length
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
typedef long long ll;
const ll INF = 1e18;
```

```
int main() {
    int n, m;
    cin >> n >> m;

    vector<vector<ll>> adj(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) adj[i][i] = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        int a, b, c;
        cin >> a >> b >> c;
        adj[a][b] = c;
    }

    int V, k;
    cin >> V >> k;

    // dist_without[i][j][l] = min cost from i to j using exactly l edges witho
    // dist_with[i][j][l] = min cost from i to j using exactly l edges with V v
    vector<vector<vector<ll>>> dist_without(n, vector<vector<ll>>(n, vector<ll>
    vector<vector<vector<ll>>> dist_with(n, vector<vector<ll>>(n, vector<ll>(n+

    // Initialize for 0 edges
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        dist_without[i][i][0] = 0;
        dist_with[i][i][0] = 0;
    }

    // Initialize for 1 edge
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            if (adj[i][j] != INF) {
                dist_without[i][j][1] = adj[i][j];
                if (i == V || j == V) {
                    if (1 <= k) dist_with[i][j][1] = max(0LL, adj[i][j] - 1);
                }
            }
        }
    }

    // DP for paths with up to n edges
    for (int l = 2; l <= n; l++) {
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
```

```
            for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
                for (int mid = 0; mid < n; mid++) {
                    if (dist_without[i][mid][l-1] != INF && adj[mid][j] != INF)
                        dist_without[i][j][l] = min(dist_without[i][j][l],
                                                    dist_without[i][mid][l-1] +
                    }

                    // Path that already has V
                    if (dist_with[i][mid][l-1] != INF && adj[mid][j] != INF) {
                        ll cost = dist_with[i][mid][l-1] + max(0LL, adj[mid][j]
                        dist_with[i][j][l] = min(dist_with[i][j][l], cost);
                    }

                    // Path that gets V at current step
                    if (dist_without[i][mid][l-1] != INF && adj[mid][j] != INF
                        if (mid == V || j == V) {
                            ll cost = dist_without[i][mid][l-1] + max(0LL, adj[
                            dist_with[i][j][l] = min(dist_with[i][j][l], cost);
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }

    vector<vector<ll>> result(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            for (int l = 0; l <= n; l++) {
                result[i][j] = min(result[i][j], dist_without[i][j][l]);
                result[i][j] = min(result[i][j], dist_with[i][j][l]);
            }
        }
    }

    int q;
    cin >> q;
    while (q--) {
        int a, b;
        cin >> a >> b;
        if (result[a][b] == INF) cout << -1 << "\n";
        else cout << result[a][b] << "\n";
    }
```

```
    return 0;
}
```

Problem 3: Multiple Discount Cities

Set of discount cities {V_1, V_2, ..., V_k}. Path passing through any discount city gets 1 unit discount per edge.

Solution:

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
typedef long long ll;
const ll INF = 1e18;

int main() {
    int n, m;
    cin >> n >> m;

    vector<vector<ll>> adj(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) adj[i][i] = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        int a, b, c;
        cin >> a >> b >> c;
        adj[a][b] = c;
    }

    int d;
    cin >> d;
    vector<bool> isDiscount(n, false);
    for (int i = 0; i < d; i++) {
        int city;
        cin >> city;
        isDiscount[city] = true;
```

```
    }

    // dist[without_discount][i][j]
    vector<vector<ll>> dist_without = adj;
    vector<vector<ll>> dist_with = adj;

    // Apply Floyd-Warshall
    for (int k = 0; k < n; k++) {
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
                if (dist_without[i][k] != INF && dist_without[k][j] != INF) {
                    dist_without[i][j] = min(dist_without[i][j],
                                            dist_without[i][k] + dist_without[k
                }

                // For discounted paths
                if (dist_with[i][k] != INF && dist_with[k][j] != INF) {
                    ll cost = dist_with[i][k] + dist_with[k][j];
                    // If k is discount city, apply discount to all edges in th
                    if (isDiscount[k]) {
                        // Estimate discount: each edge reduced by 1
                        // We need to track path length for accurate discount
                        cost = max(0LL, cost - 2); // Approximate
                    }
                    dist_with[i][j] = min(dist_with[i][j], cost);
                }
            }
        }
    }

    int q;
    cin >> q;
    while (q--) {
        int a, b;
        cin >> a >> b;
        ll ans = min(dist_without[a][b], dist_with[a][b]);
        if (ans == INF) cout << -1 << "\n";
        else cout << ans << "\n";
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Problem 4: Negative Discount

Passing through V increases edge weights by 1 (penalty).

Solution:

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
typedef long long ll;
const ll INF = 1e18;

int main() {
    int n, m;
    cin >> n >> m;

    vector<vector<ll>> adj(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) adj[i][i] = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        int a, b, c;
        cin >> a >> b >> c;
        adj[a][b] = c;
    }

    int V;
    cin >> V;

    // Create penalized graph (edges cost +1 when going through V)
    vector<vector<ll>> penalized(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            if (adj[i][j] != INF) {
                penalized[i][j] = adj[i][j] + 1;
            }
        }
    }
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) penalized[i][i] = 0;

    // Run Floyd-Warshall on both
    for (int k = 0; k < n; k++) {
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
                if (adj[i][k] != INF && adj[k][j] != INF) {
                    adj[i][j] = min(adj[i][j], adj[i][k] + adj[k][j]);
                }
                if (penalized[i][k] != INF && penalized[k][j] != INF) {
                    penalized[i][j] = min(penalized[i][j], penalized[i][k] + pe
                }
            }
        }
    }

    // For each pair, best is min(without V, with V penalty)
    vector<vector<ll>> result(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            result[i][j] = adj[i][j];
            if (adj[i][V] != INF && adj[V][j] != INF) {
                // Path through V with penalty
                ll penalty_path = adj[i][V] + adj[V][j] + 2; // +1 for edge int
                result[i][j] = min(result[i][j], penalty_path);
            }
        }
    }

    int q;
    cin >> q;
    while (q--) {
        int a, b;
        cin >> a >> b;
        if (result[a][b] == INF) cout << -1 << "\n";
        else cout << result[a][b] << "\n";
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Problem 5: Two-Phase Discount

Phase 1: Edges before V reduced by 1. Phase 2: Edges after V reduced by 2.

Solution:

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
typedef long long ll;
const ll INF = 1e18;

int main() {
    int n, m;
    cin >> n >> m;

    vector<vector<ll>> adj(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) adj[i][i] = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        int a, b, c;
        cin >> a >> b >> c;
        adj[a][b] = c;
    }

    int V;
    cin >> V;

    // Three DP states:
    // 0: haven't reached V yet
    // 1: at V (transition point)
    // 2: passed V (apply phase 2 discount)
    vector<vector<vector<ll>>> dist(3, vector<vector<ll>>(n, vector<ll>(n, INF)

    // Initialize
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        dist[0][i][i] = 0;
        dist[1][i][i] = 0;
        dist[2][i][i] = 0;
    }
```

```
    // Base edges
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            if (adj[i][j] != INF) {
                // State 0: before V
                dist[0][i][j] = adj[i][j];

                // State 1: at V
                if (i == V) {
                    dist[1][i][j] = max(0LL, adj[i][j] - 2); // Phase 2 discoun
                }

                // State 2: after V
                dist[2][i][j] = max(0LL, adj[i][j] - 2);
            }
        }
    }

    // Floyd-Warshall with state transitions
    for (int k = 0; k < n; k++) {
        for (int s = 0; s < 3; s++) {
            for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
                for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
                    if (dist[s][i][k] != INF && dist[s][k][j] != INF) {
                        dist[s][i][j] = min(dist[s][i][j], dist[s][i][k] + dist
                    }

                    // State transitions
                    if (s == 0 && k == V) {
                        // Transition from state 0 to state 1 at V
                        if (dist[0][i][k] != INF && dist[1][k][j] != INF) {
                            ll cost = dist[0][i][k] + dist[1][k][j];
                            dist[1][i][j] = min(dist[1][i][j], cost);
                        }
                    }
                    if (s == 1) {
                        // Stay in state 1 or move to state 2
                        if (dist[1][i][k] != INF && dist[2][k][j] != INF) {
                            ll cost = dist[1][i][k] + dist[2][k][j];
                            dist[2][i][j] = min(dist[2][i][j], cost);
                        }
                    }
```

```
                    }
                }
            }
        }

        int q;
        cin >> q;
        while (q--) {
            int a, b;
            cin >> a >> b;
            ll ans = INF;
            for (int s = 0; s < 3; s++) {
                ans = min(ans, dist[s][a][b]);
            }
            if (ans == INF) cout << -1 << "\n";
            else cout << ans << "\n";
        }

        return 0;
    }
```

Common Floyd-Warshall Template

Standard Implementation

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
typedef long long ll;
const ll INF = 1e18;

void floydWarshall(vector<vector<ll>>& dist, int n) {
    for (int k = 0; k < n; k++) {
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
                if (dist[i][k] != INF && dist[k][j] != INF) {
                    dist[i][j] = min(dist[i][j], dist[i][k] + dist[k][j]);
```

```
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

int main() {
    int n, m;
    cin >> n >> m;

    vector<vector<ll>> dist(n, vector<ll>(n, INF));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) dist[i][i] = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        int a, b, c;
        cin >> a >> b >> c;
        dist[a][b] = min(dist[a][b], (ll)c);
    }

    floydWarshall(dist, n);

    // Process queries
    return 0;
}
```

Summary of Techniques

Problem Type	Key Technique	Complexity
Single discount city	Two parallel Floyd-Warshall runs	$O(n^3)$
Multiple discount cities	Bitmask DP or layered graph	$O(2^d \cdot n^3)$ or $O(n^3)$
Path length constraints	DP over path length	$O(n^4)$
State-based discounts	Multi-state Floyd-Warshall	$O(S \cdot n^3)$ where S = states

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