

Q8. Proof by induction

Base case: $u=w=v$

$$\text{Trivially, } \underset{\underset{0}{\parallel}}{d(w,v)} = \underset{\underset{0}{\parallel}}{d(u,w)} + \underset{\underset{0}{\parallel}}{c(w \rightarrow v)} = 0$$

Inductive Step

CASE 1: \nexists path $u \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v$, so
 \exists path $u \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x \rightarrow w$ [$u=x=w$ is a possibility]
with $d(u,w) \leq d(u,x) + c(x \rightarrow w)$
 $\wedge \nexists$ edge $w \rightarrow v$
 $c(w \rightarrow v) = \infty$

$$d(u,v) = \infty$$

$$\infty \leq \infty$$

$$\therefore d(u,v) \leq d(u,w) + c(w \rightarrow v)$$

CASE 2: \exists path $u \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v$, so

\exists path $u \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x \rightarrow w$

with $d(u,w) \leq d(u,x) + c(x \rightarrow w)$

$\wedge \exists$ edge $w \rightarrow v$

There is therefore definitely a path ^{from u} to v through w .

\therefore If the previously known value of $d(u,v) \geq d(u,w) + c(w \rightarrow v)$ then we now have a $d(u,v) = d(u,w) + c(w \rightarrow v)$. If it was less then obviously $d(u,v) \leq d(u,w) + c(w \rightarrow v)$ and nothing changes. In the future if a better path is found then $d(u,v) < d(u,w) + c(w \rightarrow v)$. If not, then nothing changes. 