

# Lecture17-ShortestPaths1

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Paths in graph

Applications:

- Map
- Network browsing
- ...

Paths in graphs

Consider a digraph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge-weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The **weight** of path  $p = v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k$  is defined to be

$$w(p) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} w(v_i, v_{i+1}).$$

Minimize the path length among all possible length

Source	Destination
Single	Single
Single	All
All	Single
All	All

- Complexity wise, there is no difference between the first three
- The output size of the fourth one is  $n^2$

Shortest Path

A **shortest path** from  $u$  to  $v$  is a path of minimum weight from  $u$  to  $v$ . The **shortest-path weight** from  $u$  to  $v$  is defined as  $\delta(u, v) = \min\{w(p) : p \text{ is a path from } u \text{ to } v\}$ .

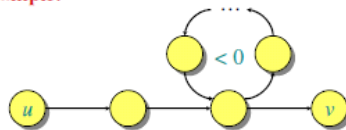
Note:  $\delta(u, v) = \infty$  if **no path** from  $u$  to  $v$  exists.

Well-refinedness  
of shortest paths

Well-definedness of shortest paths

If a graph  $G$  contains a negative-weight cycle, then some shortest paths do not exist.

Example:



- Keep taking that negative cycle, then the path get shorter and shorter.

➤ We assume negative weight doesn't exist

Optimal substructure

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**Theorem.** A subpath of a shortest path is a shortest path.

Proof: cut and phase

? If the optimal substructure exist in longest single path problem (allow visit each vertex

Triangle inequality

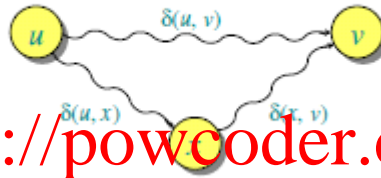
only once)

### Triangle inequality

Shortest path satisfies.

Theorem. For all  $u, v, x \in V$ , we have  $\delta(u, v) \leq \delta(u, x) + \delta(x, v)$ .

*Proof.*



Single-source shortest paths

### Single-source shortest paths

(nonnegative edge weights)

**Problem.** Assume that  $w(u, v) \geq 0$  for all  $(u, v) \in E$ . (Hence, all shortest-path weights must exist.) From a given source vertex  $s \in V$ , find the shortest-path weights  $\delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

**Idea:** Greedy.

1. Maintain a set  $S$  of vertices whose shortestpath distances from  $s$  are known.
2. At each step, add to  $S$  the vertex  $v \in V - S$  whose distance estimate from  $s$  is minimum.
3. Update the distance estimates of vertices adjacent to  $v$ .

Dijkstra

Dijkstra's algorithm

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d[s] ← 0
for each v ∈ V - {s}
do d[v] ← ∞
S ← ∅
Q ← V      ▷ Q is a priority queue maintaining V - S,
              keyed on d[v]
while Q ≠ ∅
do u ← EXTRACT-MIN(Q)
   S ← S ∪ {u}
   for each v ∈ Adj[u]
   do if d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)      relaxation
      then d[v] ← d[u] + w(u, v)  step
      ↗ Implicit DECREASE-KEY
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- We can also maintain an array based on who changed the value.

Lemma 1

### Correctness - part I

**Lemma.** Initializing  $d[s] \leftarrow 0$  and  $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$  for all  $v \in V - \{s\}$  establishes  $d[v] \geq \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ , and this invariant is maintained over any sequence of relaxation steps.

- $d[v] \geq \delta(s, v)$  the inequality is maintained through the algorithm, meaning the estimate that we are making always an upper bound of the actual shortest path. And they can never be less than the shortest path.

*Proof.* Suppose not. Let  $v$  be the first vertex for which  $d[v] < \delta(s, v)$ , and let  $u$  be the vertex that

caused  $d[v]$  to change:  $d[v] = d[u] + w(u, v)$ . Then,

$d[v] < \delta(s, v)$	supposition
$\leq \delta(s, u) + \delta(u, v)$	triangle inequality
$\leq \delta(s, u) + w(u, v)$	sh. path $\leq$ specific path
$\leq d[u] + w(u, v)$	$v$ is first violation

Contradiction.  $\square$

- Focus on the first violation

#### Correctness - part II

Lemma 2

**Lemma.** Let  $u$  be  $v$ 's predecessor on a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$ . Then, if  $d[u] = \delta(s, u)$  and edge  $(u, v)$  is relaxed, we have  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$  after the relaxation.

*Proof.* Observe that  $\delta(s, v) = \delta(s, u) + w(u, v)$ .

Suppose that  $d[v] > \delta(s, v)$  before the relaxation. (Otherwise, we're done.) Then, the test  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$  succeeds, because  $d[v] > \delta(s, v) =$

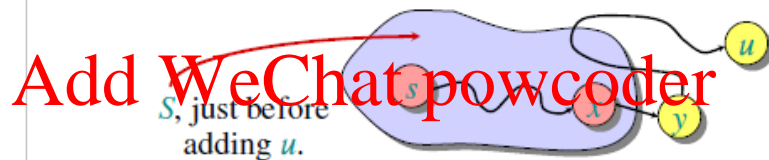
$\delta(s, u) + w(u, v) = d[u] + w(u, v)$ , and the algorithm sets  $d[v] = d[u] + w(u, v) = \delta(s, v)$ .  $\square$

#### Correctness - part III

Theorem: correctness

**Theorem.** Dijkstra's algorithm terminates with  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$  for every  $v \in V$  when  $v$  is added to  $S$ . Suppose  $u$  is the first vertex added to  $S$  for which  $d[u] > \delta(s, u)$ . Let  $y$  be the first vertex in  $V \setminus S$  along a shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$ , and let  $x$  be its predecessor.



Since  $u$  is the first vertex violating the claimed invariant, we have  $d[x] = \delta(s, x)$ . When  $x$  was added to  $S$ , the edge  $(x, y)$  was relaxed, which implies that  $d[y] = \delta(s, y) \leq \delta(s, u) < d[u]$ . But,  $d[u] \leq d[y]$  by our choice of  $u$ . Contradiction.  $\square$

#### Running time analysis:

Running time analysis

$ V $ times	{	$\text{degree}(u)$ times	{	<b>while</b> $Q \neq \emptyset$
				<b>do</b> $u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$
				$S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$
				<b>for each</b> $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$
				<b>do if</b> $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$
				<b>then</b> $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$

Handshaking Lemma  $\Rightarrow \Theta(E)$  implicit DECREASE-KEY's.

Time =  $\Theta(V \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + E \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}})$

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➤ Same formula with Prim

$$\text{Time} = \Theta(V) \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + \Theta(E) \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$$

$Q$	$T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}}$	$T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$	Total
array	$O(V)$	$O(1)$	$O(V^2)$
binary heap	$O(\lg V)$	$O(\lg V)$	$O(E \lg V)$
Fibonacci heap	$O(\lg V)$	$O(1)$	$O(E + V \lg V)$
	amortized	amortized	worst case

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What if the edge weights are all 1?

Instead of using priority queue, we can use a queue (simplify the problem, the cost of PQ is complex here.).

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