

LECTURE 23

Shortest Paths II

- Bellman-Ford algorithm
- Linear programming and difference constraints
- VLSI layout compaction

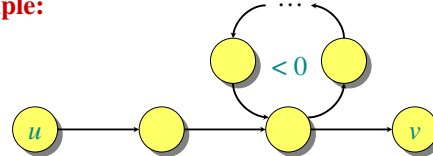
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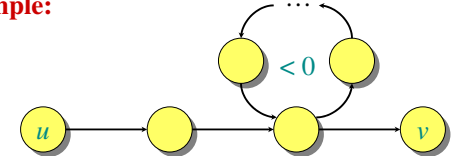
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Bellman-Ford algorithm: Finds all shortest-path lengths from a **source** $s \in V$ to all $v \in V$ or determines that a negative-weight cycle exists.

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Bellman-Ford algorithm

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d[s] ← 0
for each v ∈ V - {s} } initialization
do d[v] ← ∞

for i ← 1 to |V| - 1
do for each edge (u, v) ∈ E
do if d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v) } relaxation step
then d[v] ← d[u] + w(u, v)

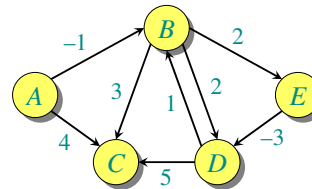
for each edge (u, v) ∈ E
do if d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)
then report that a negative-weight cycle exists

At the end, d[v] = δ(s, v), if no negative-weight cycles.
Time = O(VE).
    
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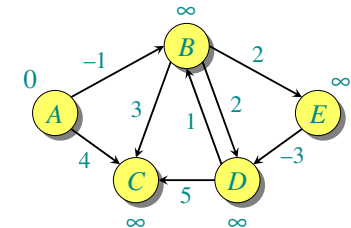
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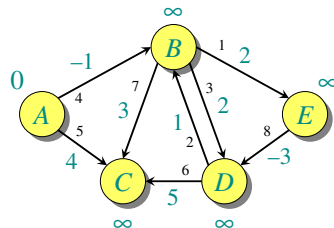


Initialization.

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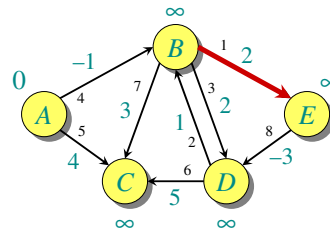


Order of edge relaxation.

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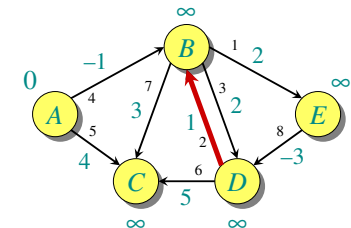
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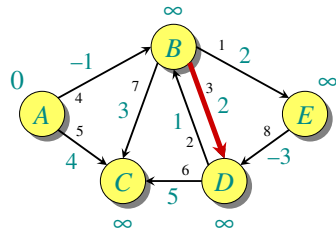
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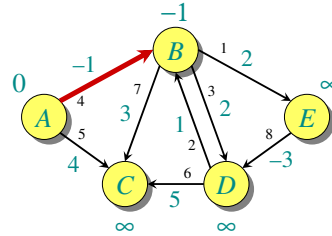
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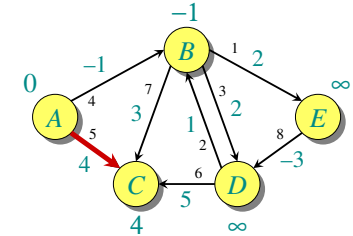
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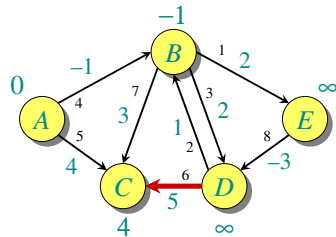
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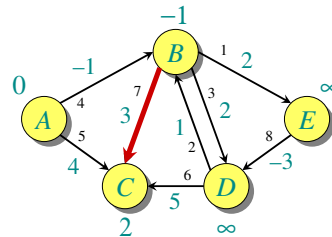
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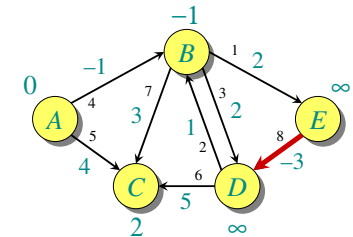
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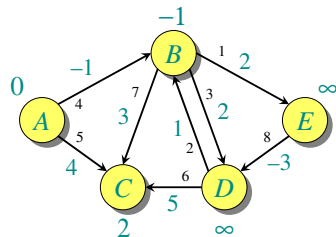
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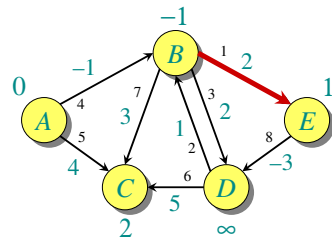


End of pass 1.

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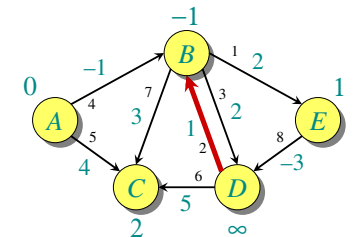
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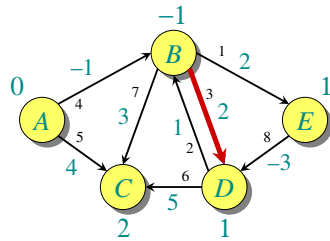
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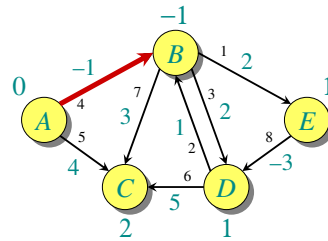
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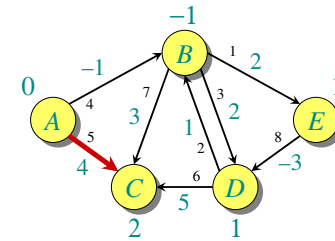
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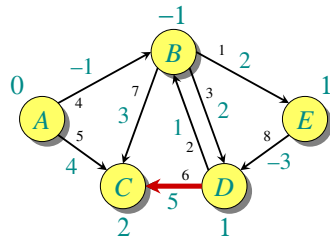
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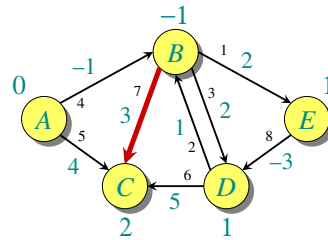
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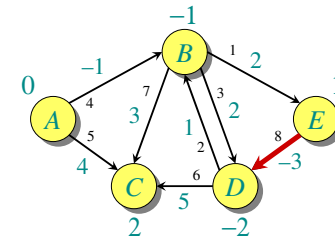
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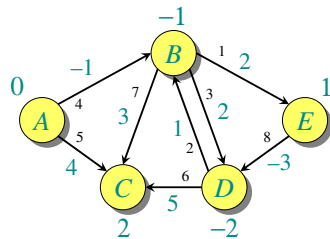
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End of pass 2 (and 3 and 4).

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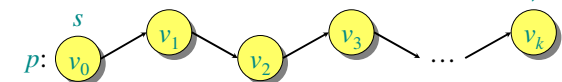
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Proof. Let $v \in V$ be any vertex, and consider a shortest path p from s to v with the minimum number of edges.



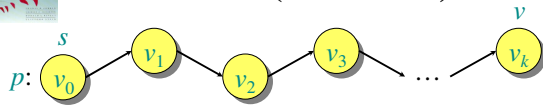
Since p is a shortest path, we have

$$\delta(s, v_i) = \delta(s, v_{i-1}) + w(v_{i-1}, v_i).$$

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Correctness (continued)



Initially, $d[v_0] = 0 = \delta(s, v_0)$, and $d[v_0]$ is unchanged by subsequent relaxations (because of the lemma from *Shortest Paths I* that $d[v] \geq \delta(s, v)$).

- After 1 pass through E , we have $d[v_1] = \delta(s, v_1)$.
- After 2 passes through E , we have $d[v_2] = \delta(s, v_2)$.
- After k passes through E , we have $d[v_k] = \delta(s, v_k)$.

Since G contains no negative-weight cycles, p is simple. Longest simple path has $\leq |V| - 1$ edges. \square

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Detection of negative-weight cycles

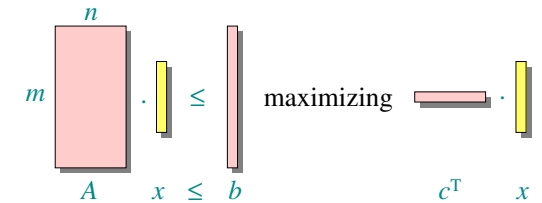
Corollary. If a value $d[v]$ fails to converge after $|V| - 1$ passes, there exists a negative-weight cycle in G reachable from s . \square

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Linear programming

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, b be an m -vector, and c be an n -vector. Find an n -vector x that maximizes $c^T x$ subject to $Ax \leq b$, or determine that no such solution exists.



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Feasibility problem: No optimization criterion. Just find x such that $Ax \leq b$.

- In general, just as hard as ordinary LP.

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Constraint graph:



(The “ A ” matrix has dimensions $|E| \times |V|$.)

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Therefore, no values for the x_i can satisfy the constraints. \square

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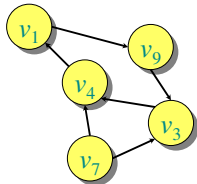
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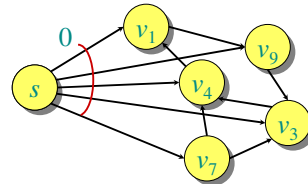
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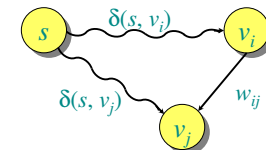
Note: No negative-weight cycles introduced \Rightarrow shortest paths exist.

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Proof (continued)

Claim: The assignment $x_i = \delta(s, v_i)$ solves the constraints. Consider any constraint $x_j - x_i \leq w_{ij}$, and consider the shortest paths from s to v_j and v_i :



The triangle inequality gives us $\delta(s, v_j) \leq \delta(s, v_i) + w_{ij}$. Since $x_i = \delta(s, v_i)$ and $x_j = \delta(s, v_j)$, the constraint $x_j - x_i \leq w_{ij}$ is satisfied. \square

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Bellman-Ford and linear programming

Corollary. The Bellman-Ford algorithm can solve a system of m difference constraints on n variables in $O(mn)$ time. \square

Single-source shortest paths is a simple LP problem.

In fact, Bellman-Ford maximizes $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$ subject to the constraints $x_j - x_i \leq w_{ij}$ and $x_i \leq 0$ (exercise).

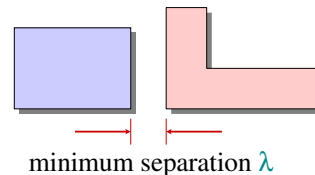
Bellman-Ford also minimizes $\max_i \{x_i\} - \min_i \{x_i\}$ (exercise).

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Application to VLSI layout compaction

Integrated circuit features:

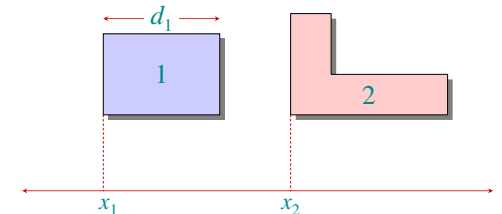


Problem: Compact (in one dimension) the space between the features of a VLSI layout without bringing any features too close together.

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VLSI layout compaction



Constraint: $x_2 - x_1 \geq d_1 + \lambda$

Bellman-Ford minimizes $\max_i \{x_i\} - \min_i \{x_i\}$, which compacts the layout in the x -dimension.

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